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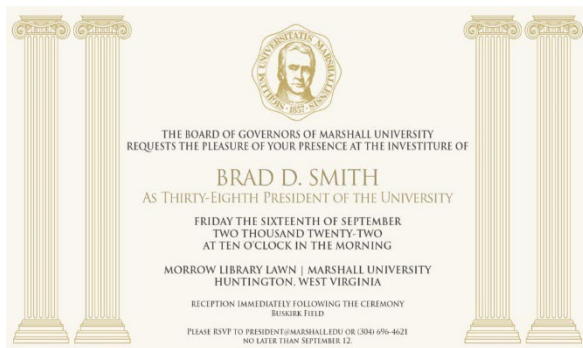
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The Newsletter for Marshall University
Faculty and Staff

September 14, 2022

Marshall preparing for President Smith's investiture

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The investiture ceremony for President Smith will begin at 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 16, on the Third Avenue Lawn of the Morrow Library.

The ceremony and reception will be attended by many guests from state colleges and universities; members of Marshall's Board of Governors; faculty, staff and students; legislators; alumni and friends.

Smith assumed the presidency in January 2022 after a highly successful career in the private sector, including 11 years as CEO of Intuit. His biography is available [here](#).

Marshall will televise the ceremony live with streaming coverage at <https://www.marshall.edu/livestream/>.

Traffic patterns on Third Avenue will be altered prior to and during the ceremony. Motorists are advised to take a different route on Friday morning.

Marshall Division of Aviation to receive \$1M

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

Marshall University is set to receive \$1 million in federal funding aimed at increasing the university's ability to provide an increased workforce in aviation for the area.

A 5-year-award to the Marshall University Division of Aviation will help diversify the region's economy while providing an increased workforce in an ever-expanding industry full of opportunities for the area. The money will help the Aviation Maintenance program at Tri-State Airport train airplane mechanics to work on airplanes in their backyard and worldwide.

The new Aviation Maintenance Technology program is the first of its kind in the region and offers a joint associate degree from both Marshall University and Mountwest Community and Technical College. The program also offers FAA certification and numerous micro credentials.

Marshall University President Brad D. Smith says the \$1 million will help the aviation maintenance program provide a new outlet for employment in the area.

"The Division of Aviation at Marshall University is meeting a significant market need for pilots and aviation technicians, Smith said. "As this new generation of aviation experts is being educated, it's imperative that we stay current and timely and funding like this is incredibly important. We are grateful for support from our Senators Capito and Manchin."

As the airline industry continues to grow, the new cutting-edge Aviation Maintenance Technology program will ensure graduates will be in high demand as essential employees. Nationwide the demand for skilled labor in aviation is on the rise, with occupational projections indicating that there is a current demand for close to 10,000 mechanics each year through 2022. Currently U.S. training school capacity is between 6,500 and 7,000 students a year. These projections are likely to result in rising wages and increased job availability. In 2021 the median pay for aircraft and avionics equipment mechanics and technicians was \$65,550 a year.

Bill Noe is the chief aviation officer at Marshall University. The Division of Aviation houses the Bill Noe Flight School at the West Virginia International Yeager Airport and the Aviation Maintenance Technology program at Tri-State Airport.

"Our aviation programs at Marshall University will benefit greatly from this federal money as Marshall works to educate the next generation of aviation professionals," Noe said. "We are also boosting economic development in the region through supportive industries associated with aviation. I want to sincerely thank our phenomenal U.S. senators for their unwavering support of these programs."

Jim Smith is the director of the new Aviation Maintenance Technology program.

"We're grateful that people like the senators see the value in trades education like our aviation maintenance program," Smith said. "We look forward to providing the region and our industry

with a skilled workforce and to provide those looking for work an alternative that can lead them to success for years to come.”

For more information on the Division of Aviation at Marshall and the maintenance program, visit <https://www.marshall.edu/aviation/>.

The aviation programs are not approved for the use of VA educational benefits at this time.

James named executive director of alumni relations at Marshall University

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Marshall University Foundation Inc. CEO Dr. Ron Area has announced that Matt James (pictured) has been named the new executive director of alumni relations at Marshall University.

James was previously the assistant dean of intercultural and student affairs at the university.

“Matt is an exceptional leader who has dedicated his professional career to helping advance the goals and objectives of Marshall University,” Area said. “From his time as a student to today, he has been an advocate for student advancement, and I am confident that he will continue that great work with our strong network of alumni around the world.”

A native of Bluefield, West Virginia, James is a two-time graduate of Marshall, graduating cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in biological sciences in 2009 and earning a master’s degree in school counseling in 2011. He is currently pursuing his doctorate in higher education leadership and administration.

James, a former student body president at Marshall, has served the university in multiple roles since 2009. He has served in his current position as assistant dean of students since 2015. For his work, James has also received numerous recognitions, including being named as one of West Virginia’s Top 40 under 40 by the State Journal in 2022.

Throughout his career, James has been a champion of diversity, equity and inclusion on campus, and has devoted his career to helping students at Marshall succeed. Through that experience,

James says he is excited to begin this next chapter as an ambassador for Marshall and looks forward to bringing alumni together for the common goal of advancing the university.

“I’m thrilled to join the MU Foundation team and begin this new journey,” James said. “In my 18 years on campus, as a former student leader and administrator, there has never been a more exciting time to be a member of the Marshall family. With the incredible leadership of President Smith, and the current excitement surrounding athletics, it’s perfect timing to grow our engagement efforts with Herd alumni across the country. I’m confident my experiences and relationships provide me with a unique perspective to succeed as the new executive director of alumni relations.”

James was named to the position after a nationwide search. He will begin in his new role on Oct. 10.

James currently resides in Huntington with his wife, Sara; daughter, Saylor; and two dogs, Chip and Charlie.

Prevention Empowerment Partnership hosting teen prevention summit

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

The Prevention Empowerment Partnership (PEP), an initiative of the Marshall University Research Corporation, is hosting a two-day Teen Drug Prevention Summit today and tomorrow for middle and high school students aimed at reducing critical substance use issues in Cabell County.

The Prevention Empowerment Partnership, known as PEP, is a collaborative committee of community-based organizations and community leaders that partner to increase access to prevention services for youth and families in Cabell County and throughout the state of West Virginia where appropriate. It is the overall prevention steering committee for all non-duplicated substance use prevention in Cabell County.

PEP will host a Teen Drug Prevention Summit on Wednesday, Sept. 14, for middle school students and on Thursday, Sept. 15, for high school students. Students from Cabell County middle and high schools, as well as area private middle and high schools, are invited to send teams to participate.

This year, PEP will partner with the SAFE (Stop the Addiction Fatality Epidemic) Project to provide students with training and lessons focused on reducing substance use. The SAFE Project is a national nonprofit organization geared toward contributing in a tangible way to overcoming

the addiction epidemic and connected mental health challenges in the United States. SAFE Choices is the youth and young adult-centered body of work within the SAFE Communities Initiative of the SAFE Project.

Ronna Yablonski, senior director of SAFE Choices, will be part of the program.

“I’m honored to be a key collaborator with the Prevention Empowerment Partnership (PEP) during their two-day Teen Summit to provide training on SAFE Project’s No Shame Education Program,” said Yablonski. “SAFE Project launched the No Shame Pledge in 2020 to provide large-scale stigma reduction education while communicating a clear message that there is NO shame in asking for and seeking help for substance use and mental health challenges. The No Shame Education Program increases individual understanding of the principles presented in the pledge and gives youth the tools to advocate, stand up and speak out against stigma.”

Training will be held from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center on Marshall University’s Huntington campus, on Sept. 14 for middle schools and Sept. 15 for high schools. The training aims to engage young people in contributing to the development of safe, healthy and drug-free communities.

“We are excited to host the Teen Drug Prevention Summit again this year and to be working with SAFE to provide youth with tools to help them make and support positive choices for themselves and their peers,” said Angela Saunders, director of PEP. “This summit is crucial to substance use prevention in Cabell County because it is not just two days of prevention material. It is encouraging the invited youth to become leaders in substance use prevention and will empower them to plan and facilitate prevention activities in their schools and communities throughout the year.”

For more information about PEP, please visit PEPWV.org, or for specific information about the Teen Drug Prevention Summit or e-mail Saunders at saundersa@marshall.edu.

Marshall to host Faces of Physics Virtual Speaker Series discussion Sept. 15

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

The graphic is a promotional poster for a virtual speaker series. At the top, it says "Faces of Physics Virtual Speaker Series" in white text against a blue and purple background with a starburst effect. Below this, there is a portrait of Andrew Muñoz, a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a black shirt. To the right of the portrait, his name "Andrew Muñoz" and title "Geophysicist for Ensign Natural Resources" are listed. Below that, the topic "Career Paths in Applied Geophysics" is written, followed by the date and time "Thursday, Sept. 15 | 8:00 p.m. EST" and "Followed by a Q&A". A QR code is present with the text "Presented Live on YouTube at the following link:" and "Free and open to all." at the bottom. At the very bottom, there are logos for AIP (American Institute of Physics), Marshall University, and the Society of Physics Students Fund, along with the text "Sponsored by the Society of Physics Students Fund".

Marshall’s chapter of the Society of Physics Students is continuing its Faces of Physics Virtual Speaker Series in the Fall 2022 semester, kicking off with Andrew Muñoz, a geophysicist for Ensign Natural Resources. He will speak on “Career Paths in Applied Geophysics” at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, in an online discussion found on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/bRgQ9x7kTT8>. It will be followed by a Q&A.

This online series highlights physicists from underrepresented groups, and it is free and open to all.

“The Faces of Physics series provides the viewer with an insight into what it takes to become a highly regarded and respected individual within the physics community,” said Marshall student Eli Williamson, president of Marshall’s Society of Physics Students group. “These talks are geared toward helping those viewers who are interested in physics learn more about what they can do in physics and what physics can do for them, as well as introducing the layperson to the vital role physics plays in their everyday life.

“In the case of Mr. Andrew Muñoz, the viewer will be able to see how a love of geology and physics can merge to fill the need for a vital role, such as a geophysicist for the oil and gas industry.”

Upcoming for the Faces of Physics Series are Ellie White, a Marshall University and SPS alumna who now works as a data analyst for the Greenbank Observatory. She will speak in early November and be followed by an online discussion with Dr. Yasuyuki Okumura of the CERN ATLAS Experiment in late November. Plans are underway for additional speakers as well.

The Faces of Physics Virtual Speaker Series is sponsored by the Society of Physics Students Fund.

Annual Staff Recognition Luncheon to take place Sept. 23; responses needed by Sept. 16

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022



Marshall University's 38th Annual Staff Recognition Luncheon will take place Friday, Sept. 23, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center on the Huntington campus.

In addition to the service awards, the John Marshall Employee of the Year will be named.

The following is a lists of university staff members who will receive awards for 2021-

2022:

For 10 Years of Service: Barbie Adams, Jacob Adkins, Pam Adkins, Brit Alan Arthur, Travis Bailey, Michelle Biggs, Tonya Booker, Bianca Bragg, Jennifer Brown, Christie D. Chaffin, Jason A. Corriher, Gregory Delbart, Katrina D. Eskins, Timothy Fetty, Bob Hall, Heath Harber, Terry Henry, Robert Higginbotham, Matt James, Becky Lusher, Carolyn Massie, Katherine McComas, Rebecca Meek, Larry Morris, Hai Duc Nguyen, Carrie Nilles, **Lisa Ransbottom**, David Sheehan, Jason Smith, Robyn Stafford, Michael Stanley, and Jeffery Thompson.

For 15 Years of Service: Kelli Adkins, Dustin Baldwin, JoAnn Black, Laura Christopher, Judy Clark, Beretta Coleman, Ella Curry, Jason Easthom, Marc Ellison, Dwight Hensley, Darlene Howell, Chris Johnson, Cathy Lawson, Ruth Porter, Phillip Rowe, Manford Short, Brean Stewart, Elizabeth Tappan, LeKasha Taylor, Teresa Thompson, Jeffrey Waggoner, and Barry Webb.

For 20 Years of Service: Jim Booth, Shelvy Campbell, Pam Early, Gary Hall, Angela Harper, Kevin Irvin, Dawn Kirtner, Mary Layne, Amad Mirzakhani, Fred Mullins, Karen Mullins, Amy Saunders, and Bonnie Scott.

For 25 Years of Service: Terry Anderson, Sharon Booth, William "Tootie" Carter, Perry Chaffin, Steve Cotton, Joe Davis, Lisa Hughes, Dena Laton, Bindu Mannan, Kateryna Schray, Leah Tolliver, and John Winters.

For 30 Years of Service: Deborah Carder-Deem, Denver Cooper, Cathy Cover, Robert Easthom, and Katherine Hetzer.

For 35 Years of Service: Barry Beckett, Billy Joe Black, Patty Carman, Lela Hardy, Leonard Lovely, Karen McComas, Michael McGuffey, John Richardson, and Kelly Webster-Fuller.

For 40 Years of Service: Nina L. Barrett and Linda Birchfield-Modad.

For 45 Years of Service: Linda Sue Holmes, Jack L. Shafer, and Judy R. Watters.

Retirees: Larry Adkins, Mark Bays, Sue Ellen Bell, Linda Birchfield-Modad, Danny Bowman, Micheal Clay, Maurice Cooley, Layton Cottrill, Cathy Cover, Debra Dean, Micheal Farley, Anna Gue, Michael Hamrick, Edwin Kent Holley, Chris Kennedy, Nicola LoCascio, Brent Maynard, Leigh McDonald, Charles McKown, Linda Morgan, Karen Mullins, Marie Murphy, Randy Price, Camella Pulliam, Deborah Ratliff, Calvin Rowlings, Jack Shafer, Sherri Smith, David Steele, and Beverly Surratt.

The menu for the luncheon includes House Salad, Stuffed Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Assorted Cakes, Regular and Decaf Coffee, Tea, Ice Water. A vegan option is available upon request.

Deadline for RSVPs is Friday, Sept. 16.

There is a capacity limit for the room. Please get your responses in as soon as possible.

Free hernia screenings available at Marshall Surgery

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

Marshall Surgery is offering free hernia screenings Friday, Sept. 16, from noon to 3 p.m. at its office on the second floor of the Marshall University Medical Center located at 1600 Medical Center Drive, Huntington.

Hernias develop in the abdominal, groin and chest area. Symptoms range from a bulge, swelling, sense of feeling full to heartburn, indigestion and difficulty swallowing. The most common types of hernias are inguinal or femoral hernias, which are caused by weakened muscles in the abdominal and groin area. Anyone can develop them; specific risk factors include being male, family history, chronic cough or constipation, weight lifting and pregnancy.

Participating surgeons include [Farzad Amiri, M.D.](#), and [Yinan Wei, M.D.](#) Both are certified by the American Board of Surgeons and specialize in minimally invasive robotic surgery.

“Getting screened is important because hernias do not go away on their own and can cause complications if left untreated,” explained David A. Denning, M.D., professor and chair of the department of surgery at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. “Not everyone seen that day will have one. Our goal for this event is to determine what is causing the individual pain and discomfort and the best course of action to treat it.”

Interested participants are advised to call and make a reservation for a screening. While participants wait for their appointments, they will have the opportunity to learn more about hernias, including treatment and prevention. Refreshments will also be provided.

To make a reservation or for more information, call [Marshall Surgery](#), an outpatient department of Cabell Huntington Hospital, at 304-691-1200.

A close-up photograph of a microscope with a blue background. The objective lenses and eyepiece are visible, and the light source is on. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

34th Annual Health Sciences Research Day

October 28, 2022
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Marshall University
Medical Center Atrium

*Abstract Deadline Extended
Through September 16, 2022*



Marshall University
SCHOOL OF MUSIC
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Music with a Touch of Jazz!

This faculty recital features
Trombone Professor **Michael Stroehler**
Trumpet Professor **Martin Saunders**
Piano Professor **Johan Botes**

They will perform jazz-influenced modern classics by Jim Pugh of the Woody Herman Band and Return to Forever, and Broadway composer Joseph Turrin.

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Sunday, Sept. 18 • 4:00 pm
Smith Recital Hall

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Open Learning West Virginia provides grant opportunity for faculty

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022



Marshall faculty who are seeking to create or adopt open education resources (OER) for use in a course are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 grant through Open Learning West Virginia to support their efforts.

Apply by Sep 19, 2022 at <https://www.research.net/r/olwvfall2022>.

Recipients will be selected and notified by Sep 26, 2022. Grants will be awarded after implementing open resources for one semester.

[Click to view flyer with additional information.](#)

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

September 20, 2022
10:00 to 2:00 MSC Plaza

National Voter Registration Day is the largest
nonpartisan civic holiday dedicated to getting
every eligible American registered to vote

For more information, visit: www.marshall.edu/herdvotes
or email drinko@marshall.edu



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Can you Master the Academic Domain?

Exploring Scholarly Research, Writing, and Publishing
Tuesday, Sept. 20 | 2 – 3 p.m. | Drinko Library 349

Presenters: Professors Gena Chattin, Eryn Roles, Anna Rollins and Margaret Sullivan

In this workshop, facilitators will guide participants through three elements of academic writing: research, writing, and publishing.

The session will also be available via livestream and will be recorded for those unable to attend.

For more information, please contact library@marshall.edu.
www.marshall.edu/library



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Community-Based Learning Program

Fall 2022 Sessions

"CBL - A Pedagogical Tool"

Tuesday, September 20, 2022
12:00 - 1:00 pm
Virtual

"Reflection"

Tuesday, October 18, 2022
12:00 - 1:00 pm
Virtual

"Managing the Project"

Tuesday, November 15, 2022
12:00 - 1:00 pm
Virtual



To register, visit www.marshall.edu/cbl/cbl-workshops or scan QR Code.

Questions? Contact kempers@marshall.edu or cbl@marshall.edu
Sponsored by the Community-Based Learning Program



RCBI advanced training center to anchor redevelopment of former industrial site

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022



Marshall University's Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Manufacturing (RCBI) will play a pivotal role in transforming a long-vacant Huntington industrial site into a 21st century manufacturing hub.

RCBI's new Welding and Robotics Technology Training Center will become the anchor tenant of the City of Huntington's new H-BIZ Green Manufacturing Hub on the 42-acre former site of ACF Industries, adjacent to Marshall's Huntington campus on Third Avenue. The

project is part of a larger \$62.8 million U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Build Back Better award announced Sept. 2. The initiative is led by Coalfield Development Corporation and includes a broad coalition of partners.

The former ACF machine shop – one of two remaining buildings on the site – will be rehabilitated, repurposed and expanded to become the permanent home of RCBI's Welding Technology program offered in partnership with Mountwest Community and Technical College. The state-of-the-art facility will offer students and industry alike access to the latest welding techniques and technology, including robotic welding.

“This new center will allow RCBI to consolidate our Welding Technology program at one Huntington area location and greatly expand the number of welders we train by offering day and evening classes,” said Derek Scarbro, deputy director of RCBI. “Welders are in great demand in our region. Manufacturers consistently contact us wanting to hire our students, most of whom already have jobs before they finish the program. Now we'll have the capacity to educate more welders to meet industry demand.”

Scarbro said he also expects RCBI's center to become a regional hub for testing, credentialing and certifications offered by the American Welding Society (AWS) – as well as an economic catalyst for the region.

“The manufacturing sector repeatedly tells us there are hundreds of unfilled jobs in our region,” he said. “We're confident that if we deliver the training, certifications, and access to the latest technology, not only will existing manufacturers innovate and grow, but new industry will set up shop in the H-Biz Manufacturing Hub and the surrounding region.”



Scarbro thanked officials with the Huntington Municipal Development Authority for including RCBI in their portion of the Build Back Better proposal for southern West Virginia. “This initiative is a win for the city, a win for our students and a win for manufacturers. It will enable us to train our people for good-paying, in-demand jobs here at home.”

The opening of the new RCBI Welding and Robotics Training Center will happen after the completion of renovations at the site, which are expected to take several months to complete.

For more information about RCBI’s Welding Technology program or any of its career skills or customized training opportunities, visit www.rcbi.org/education-training or contact Carol Howerton, senior strategic advisor for workforce development by e-mail at carol.howerton@rcbi.org or by phone at 304-781-1680.

Photos: The Robert C. Byrd Institute’s new Welding and Robotics Technology Training Center will allow RCBI to greatly expand its nationally recognized career skills and customized training programs to accommodate the growing demand in the region for skilled labor.

Johnson named associate dean of libraries

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022



Dr. Kelli Johnson was recently appointed Associate Dean of Libraries, succeeding Jingping Zhang, who retired from the university in August.

Johnson’s research interests include diversity in academic libraries and higher education. Her dissertation, “Minority Librarians in Higher Education: A Critical Race Theory Analysis,” was named one of 10 Notable Dissertations of 2016 by the American Library Association. She received a National Park Service grant and is currently collecting oral histories in the Fairfield neighborhood of Huntington. She

was named the 2022-2023 Sarah Denman Faces of Appalachia Fellow and is working with a community group to create a documentary on the Underground Railroad in the Tri-State area.

Johnson co-founded the President’s Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with Dr. Tim Melvin in 2017. She serves on the board of directors for the Fairfield Development

Corporation, the West Virginia Humanities Council, Coalfield Development and the Huntington Human Relations Commission, and is a member of Mayor Steve Williams' Diversity Advisory Committee and the West Virginia Library Association's Executive Board.

Beaty named director of population health for Marshall Health

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Ashley Beaty, M.S.N., RNC-NIC, has been named director of population health and clinical informatics for Marshall Health.

In this newly created position, Beaty will drive practice enhancement and quality initiatives across Marshall Health and the accountable care organization Marshall Health participates in with Mountain Health Network. She will use her informatics experience to help clinics develop workflows and processes to capture data, lead care coordination and drive collaborative efforts.

“Population health utilizes data to identify trends and opportunities to reduce costs and improve patient care,” said Nathan Ward, Esq., chief operating officer for Marshall Health. “Having an individual with Ashley’s expertise and skills dedicated to this purpose will ultimately enhance the care our patients receive.”

Beaty joined Marshall Health in 2020 as an education coordinator and informatics nurse. Prior to that role, she served as a registered nurse and transport nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Hoops Family Children’s Hospital at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Beaty, who has more than 20 years of nursing experience, holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Rio Grande in Rio Grande, Ohio, and a Master of Science in nursing informatics from Capella University.

Engineering, computer science students to benefit from Thrasher Scholarship

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022



The Thrasher Group recently established the Thrasher Group Scholarship to support Marshall University students in the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences.

Recipients will be West Virginia residents who are in good academic standing with a 3.0 GPA or higher and have financial need, per the standards of the Office of Student Financial Assistance. The award is non-renewable with only one recipient a year.

“So many of our employees are West Virginia educated, and we are really proud of that. This is just another way for us to help feed that talent pipeline here at home,” said Jenny Weaver, human resources director at the Thrasher Group.

Thrasher Group officials say they are proud of its collaborative efforts with Marshall. In 2019, the group established the Phillip G. Simmons Scholarship, which was generously funded by Simmons’ friends and coworkers at the Thrasher Group. This scholarship benefits students from Braxton County High School in Braxton County, West Virginia, with preference to students who are incoming freshmen and studying in Marshall’s College of Engineering and Computer Sciences.

“West Virginia is so special, and anyone who has ever spent time here understands what I mean by that,” said Woody Thrasher, president and founder of the Thrasher Group. “I don’t just mean the natural beauty of our state, I mean the people. West Virginians are bright, they are innovative, and they are perseverant—some of the many reasons I feel so passionate about these scholarships with Marshall University,

The Marshall Foundation maximizes continuous financial support for Marshall University and its students by soliciting, receiving, investing and administering private gift support. The Marshall Foundation is committed to providing professional service to Marshall University, its students and donors.

The Thrasher Group is a full-service consulting firm that has served clients in West Virginia for nearly four decades. With offices in Bridgeport, Charleston, Beckley, Scott Depot, Martinsburg and beyond, Thrasher employs hundreds of professionals throughout West Virginia and the greater mid-Atlantic region. For more information, visit their website at <https://www.thethrasher.com>.

For information regarding the Thrasher Group Scholarship and the Phillip G. Simmons Scholarship, please contact Marshall University's Office of Student Financial Assistance at 304-696-3162.

Photo: Kayla Lantz, talent acquisition manager (left) and Heidi Handley, director of marketing and business development for the Thrasher Group.

Honors College hosting Fulbright Faculty Development grantee

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

Dr. Ekaterina Zarutckaia, or 'Kate,' a senior lecturer from St. Petersburg University in Russia, has joined the Honors College during the fall semester as a Fulbright Faculty Development grantee.

Zarutckaia will study critical thinking courses, especially those that help students foster development of critical thinking skills and dispositions. While in the U.S., Zarutckaia will gather theoretical resources, linguistic materials and cultural resources with the hope of taking what she learns back to students and teachers in Russia.

"As an educator and researcher, I understand how important it is to be curious about other people's teaching experiences, how refreshing it could be to discuss and exchange ideas with colleagues, and how necessary it is afterward to critically revise your teaching practices," Zarutckaia said. "I am very hopeful to be able to do that all here at Marshall and share these new ideas upon return to my home country with my colleagues there who may never have had a chance to visit the United States."

"We are delighted that Dr. Zarutckaia is visiting Marshall University and excited that this program will enhance our academic curricula in the Honors College from an international scholar," said Dr. Avi Mukherjee. "In return, Dr. Zarutckaia will learn about our faculty's innovative practices and theoretical approaches to curriculum development. This exclusive and important program is a great fit for Marshall due to our commitment to making a positive global social impact."

Zarutckaia has taught undergraduate courses related to communications for the past 12 years in Russia, including "English for Academic Communication," "English for Business Communication" and "Ethics in Communication."

Interim Dean of the Honors College Dr. Brian Hoey says they're enthusiastic to have Zarutckaia on campus.

"The Honors College is pleased to have Dr. Zarutckaia join us to complete her exciting Fulbright Faculty Development Grant project," Hoey said. "I personally benefited as a Fulbright scholar during a year of transformative ethnographic fieldwork in the Republic of Indonesia. The many different Fulbright programs are essential parts of our effort as scholars from across all the varied fields of higher education to humanize international relations. Thus it is a true honor for me to support the Institute for International Education's goals of improving intercultural relations and competence by serving as a host to Dr. Zarukchaia and other Fulbright scholars from around the world."

The Fulbright Faculty Development program is designed for junior faculty and hopes to introduce participants to best practices and theoretical approaches to curriculum development in the United States. The hope is that while in the U.S. Zarutckaia and others will develop strategies to develop courses that can be offered in their home countries.

The Fulbright Scholarship is one of the most exclusive and important scholarships offered by the U.S. Government to academics. The recruitment of candidates for the Fulbright Faculty Development program is based on an open competition. For more on the Fulbright programs visit fulbrightscholars.org.

Marshall microbiology lab acquires state-of-the-art Motic microscopes

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When Marshall University students are working in the microbiology teaching lab in the Department of Biological Sciences, they'll now be able to capture images of their samples and download them using tablets that are attached right to the microscopes themselves. These new, state-of-the-art Panthera E2 Trinoc Compound microscopes are game-changers for scientists, said Dr. Wendy Trzyna, a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences.

"These microscopes are Motic's highest-end educational microscope," Trzyna said. "What makes them extra special is the addition of an attached camera and tablet, which allows students to capture images of their samples, which they can then download and save for later analysis, and to add to their notebooks and assignments.

"Even more exciting is the software, which allows the students to share their images in real time with my computer during the lab session," she continued. "This allows me to evaluate their work on the spot and provide immediate feedback to enhance their learning. These images can also be

shared with the class, allowing students to learn from each other. These ‘teachable moments’ help students to know what they are expecting to see in their own samples — bacteria or cells, and not air bubbles or dust.”

The interactive features will allow for a more thorough evaluation of the students’ work, in addition to adding a level of accountability on the part of the student, Trzyna said, adding that Marshall became the first institution in the state to offer this particular learning tool of Motics for students.

She first saw the microscopes at a conference of the American Society for Microbiology. Knowing they’d be an excellent tool for Marshall students, she pitched the idea of purchasing some to a group of Marshall University supporters, who then set about arranging for funding.

“Our students have been very enthusiastic about being able to use this top-of-the-line laboratory instrument during classes,” Trzyna said. “I have observed an increased level of engagement on the part of the students. Many have expressed to me how much they look forward to and enjoy this lab. It is a joy to hear the students say how ‘cool’ these new microscopes are!”

Marshall microbiology courses serve over 300 students per year. Students taking these courses are biology and other science majors, as well as health science students. Among these students are those preparing for medical and other professional schools, nursing and pharmacy careers, and other health professions. To learn more, visit www.marshall.edu/biology.

Learn and share what you know about banned books and censorship.


SEPTEMBER 18 -23


Banned Book Trivia Night
Sept. 21 • 6 - 8 pm
Drinko Library, Room 138

All are invited for trivia, snacks, and prizes.

Banned book display in Drinko Library and online at www.marshall.edu/library/bannedbooks

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Marshall music faculty and guest artists to present ‘Baroque and Beyond’

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022



The School of Music will present “Baroque and Beyond: An Evening of Serene Music by Vivaldi, Handel, Boccherini, and Beethoven.”

The faculty chamber concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the Jomie Jazz Center’s Jomie Forum.

The performers will include Dr. Wendell Dobbs on flute, Dr. Elizabeth

Reed Smith on violin, Dr. Şölen Dikener on cello, Dr. Henning Vauth on harpsichord and guest artists Kristen Alves, a member of the Huntington Symphony Orchestra, playing violin and Bernard Di Gregorio, principal viola player for the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, on viola.

“The music from the Baroque and the Early Classical eras are known for their appealing quality with beautiful tunes and ardent character,” Dikener said.

The concert is free and open to all. It is sponsored by the School of Music and the College of Arts and Media.





Join the area's largest gathering of social entrepreneurs this year.

Free admission to Marshall students with promo code "student2022"

- **Oct. 3: Farm to Table Dinner** at Coalfield Development Corporation's West Edge Factory, 1040 Vernon St., Huntington
- **Oct. 4: Social Enterprise panel discussions, competitions, and keynote speaker President Smith,** Marshall University Memorial Student Center



Scan QR Code Register
Deadline for registration ends Sep. 21

Hosted by Coalfield Development and Marshall University's Lewis College of Business



Tipping the Pain Scale Documentary Viewing & Panel Discussion

Thursday, Sep 22nd, 6pm
Francis Booth Experimental Theater,
Joan C. Edwards Playhouse

Panel Participants:

- Jan Rader, Mayors Council of Public Health & Drug Control Policy
- Amanda Coleman, Exec Dir Harmony House
- Terry Collison, First Steps Wellness & Recovery Center
- Brittany Riley, Assist Prof MUSOP Pharmacy Practice



Sponsored by Marshall Collegiate Recovery Community & WV Collegiate Recovery Network

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Join us for this **FREE solution-focused, one-day conference** hosted by [Healthy Connections](#) and the ACES Coalition at [Marshall Health](#). Talks will focus on evidence-based interventions, establishing protective factors, and supporting children and families. Interactive workshops will connect community members developing innovative ideas to respond to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) in our community.

Since this is a hybrid, one-day conference, there will be both an in-person and virtual option for attendees. **Please make sure that you register for the correct one.**

- [IN-PERSON REGISTRATION](#)
- [VIRTUAL REGISTRATION](#)

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LECTURE SERIES



LAWRENCE NORDEN, ESQ.

Senior Director, Elections and Government Program
Brennan Center for Justice, New York University School of Law

*How False Claims About the 2020 Election Changed
U.S. Election Law and Could Impact the Future of American Democracy*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022
BRAD D. SMITH FOUNDATION HALL | 7:00 PM





WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM FALL SESSIONS

WAC Portfolio Session
September 23, 2022 | 12:00-4:00 pm | Virtual

ONLINE WAC WORKSHOP (FOR NEW WAC FACULTY)
Asynchronous Virtual Module begins October 3 and concludes
with attending the WAC Workshop on October 21st or 28th.

FALL WAC WORKSHOPS
(FOR NEW AND RE-CERTIFYING WAC FACULTY)
October 21, 2022 | 10:00am - 3:00pm | Virtual
October 28, 2022 | 10:00am - 3:00pm | Virtual

Contact Jill Underhill at underhillj@marshall.edu or wac@marshall.edu to learn more
www.marshall.edu/wac/wac-community-of-practice



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SATURDAY, SEP 24, 12PM – 3PM, SOUTH CHARLESTON CAMPUS

For more info, visit
<https://bit.ly/BABStoBSN>



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022 | 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM | LIVE REMOTE SESSION

ADJUNCT SATURDAY

*Are you an adjunct faculty member interested in teaching and learning?
Are you interested in honing your teaching skills?*

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please consider participating in the Adjunct Super Saturday Faculty Forums on Teaching and Learning. Super Saturday is a professional development opportunity for new and experienced adjunct faculty. Programming encompasses several components related to teaching at Marshall.

SESSION 1: 10:30-11:30AM

Focused on teaching with technology. Much of the information is centered around the Collaborative (TEC) classrooms and the ins-and-outs of Blackboard (Blackboard beyond just the grade center).

SESSION 2: 11:45AM-12:45PM

Focused on various pedagogical approaches. Many of the learning strategies discussed in this session will be centered around both the scholarship of teaching and learning and how different strategies impact learning and cognition.

SESSION 3: 1:00-2:00PM

Focused on specific teaching and learning activities. This session will include specific examples of possible assignments and ideas for the classroom.

Please register for this event at www.marshall.edu/ctl/adjunct-super-saturday
You will receive a link to join the session a day prior to the event.



Hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning
Questions? Contact ctl@marshall.edu



Marshall Health to host one more period education events

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

Menstrual health experts from Marshall Health will one additional free workshop on period education at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at the main branch of the Cabell County Public Library at 455 9th St. in Huntington.

As part of the Period Education Project, pediatric-adolescent gynecologists [Jennie L. Yoost, M.D.](#), an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, and [Courtney Crain, M.D.](#), assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, will lead discussions designed specifically for young adolescent females ages 9 to 13 who are just entering puberty.

These engaging, interactive discussions will teach about female reproductive anatomy, the menstrual cycle, menstrual and health tracking, normal and abnormal menses, and safe and reliable options for period management. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend with their children.

The Period Education Project is a national initiative that partners with dozens of medical schools to improve menstrual health and to better deal with issues such as affording period supplies or lack of education on menstruation for underserved youth.

For more information, please visit <https://periodeducationproject.org/>. For questions, contact [Marshall OB/GYN](#) at 304-691-1400.

Internships to be available at West Virginia Legislature

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

WV Legislative Internships Available

Information Table
Sep 26, 11 am - 12:45 MSC Lobby

Jr's & Sr's paid \$1,300/mo
Deadline: November 1 at 12:00 pm to Mitzi Meade, SH 738.
wvlegislature.gov/educational/internship/Herndon.cfm

Grad Students paid \$1,400/mo
Deadline: Must be received at the Capitol by November 1st.
Wvlegislature.gov/educational/internships/rolls_burk.pdf

For more info, email Dr. Marybeth Beller, beller@marshall.edu

www.marshall.edu

The West Virginia Legislature has internships for the spring 2023 semester available to all majors. Legislative staff will be available on Monday, September 26th, from 11:00 – 12:45 in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center to answer any questions you have.

Internships for Juniors and Seniors:

The Judith Herndon Fellowship places students with key committees in the legislature to work as a staff member during

session. Students also work for a government office (after session ends) for the duration of the semester. The position pays \$1,300 per month, for a total of \$5,200. Students in this program enroll for 12 credits of 400 level courses. Eligible students must be full time students having completed 60 credit hours by the end of the semester in which they apply. They must have completed a course in political science or have extensive public affairs experience and have a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Applications require letters of recommendation and other materials. If you are interested in applying, please print the attached application today and ask your faculty members to write the letters of recommendation for you. **Applications are due by noon, November 1st to Mitzi Meade, Smith Hall 738.**

<http://www.wvlegislature.gov/Educational/Internship/herndon.cfm>

For Graduate Students:

The WV Legislature has paid internships that allow students to work full time as legislative staff assigned to key committees in the House and Senate for the spring semester. Students earn six hours of graduate credit and receive a stipend of \$1,400 per month for a total of \$5,600. The application process requires letters of recommendation. If you are interested in applying, please print the application today and ask your faculty members to write the letters for you. **Application Packets must be mailed to the capitol and received by November 1st.** http://www.wvlegislature.gov/Educational/Internship/Rollins_Burk.pdf

Please send all questions about the internship programs to Dr. Marybeth Beller, beller@marshall.edu.

Marshall University
General Faculty Meeting



**2022 FALL GENERAL
FACULTY MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 27TH
2PM-4PM**

Don Morris Room
Memorial Student Center
www.marshall.edu/livestream

Sponsored by Faculty Senate
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**International Faculty
Meet and Greet**

Don Morris Room, MSC
September 28, 1pm - 2:30pm.

- Establish an International Faculty network
- Discuss creating an International Faculty Committee
- Network to create formal school-to-school partnerships

RSVP by emailing your name, department, and nationality to Kae Bradley at bradleyv@marshall.edu.

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The School of Music presents
Cello-Piano Duo Recital
Celebrating the music of Cilea and Myaskovsky



Wednesday, Sept. 28
7:30pm | Smith Recital Hall
Free and open to all.

Featuring
Şölen Dikener, cello
Johan Botes, piano

Sponsored by:
The School of Music in the College of Arts and Media
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**RUSSIA'S WAR IN UKRAINE: WEEKLY
UPDATE AND PANEL DISCUSSION**

Special Guest Speaker Dr. Alexander Motyl,
political science professor at Rutgers-Newark

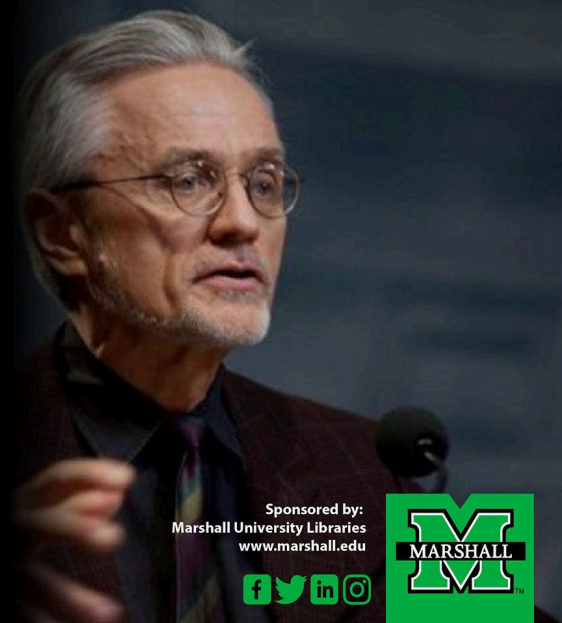
FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

1 p.m. | Drinko Library, 3rd Floor Atrium

Dr. Motyl will join us on Microsoft TEAMS to share his expertise on Ukraine, Russia, and the USSR, and on nationalism, revolutions, empires, and theory. Light refreshments will be available beginning at 12:30.

Those who cannot attend can join online at
<https://bit.ly/MUkraine>

Links to the recordings of each panel discussion are available at
<https://libguides.marshall.edu/MUkraine>



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From the Early Education STEAM Center: Thanks to Physical Plant

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022



Children and educators at the Marshall University Early Education STEAM Center started a new school year in August. Before the first day of school, several changes took place to improve the outdoor learning environment.

Marshall University's Physical Plant worked efficiently to ensure all safety measures were in place and to create a beautiful space for children to work and play. They replaced the barrier around the playground, modified the sandbox area, installed a music wall and hooks, and

added new mulch.

A primary focus of the program is to utilize the environment as the third teacher with opportunities to explore the natural world. Children at the MUEE STEAM Center engage in learning experiences outside as frequently as they do in the indoor classroom, so it is important that the outside space is inviting and conducive to exploration. The outdoor learning environment is ready for children to investigate, discover, collaborate, and imagine. A huge thank you to the Physical Plant!

Photo: Updates to the Marshall University Early Education STEAM Center have been made by Physical Plant.

TESTAMENT

RECOVERING IDENTITY AFTER WAR



**SIGN UP TO BECOME A
VETERAN DISCUSSION LEADER**

Veteran discussion leaders will lead other veterans in recovery (from trauma, addiction, or any other hardship) in discussions about selected humanities texts. Each discussion leader will receive a monetary stipend for their participation.

For more information or to apply to become a discussion leader, contact Dr. Christina Franzen at franzenmarshall.edu or Dr. Robin Conley Riner at conleymarshall.edu.

More information can be found at www.marshall.edu/testament.



Coronavirus Statistics:

New Cases Since Aug. 31, 2022

Students: 8

Faculty: 1

Staff*: 1

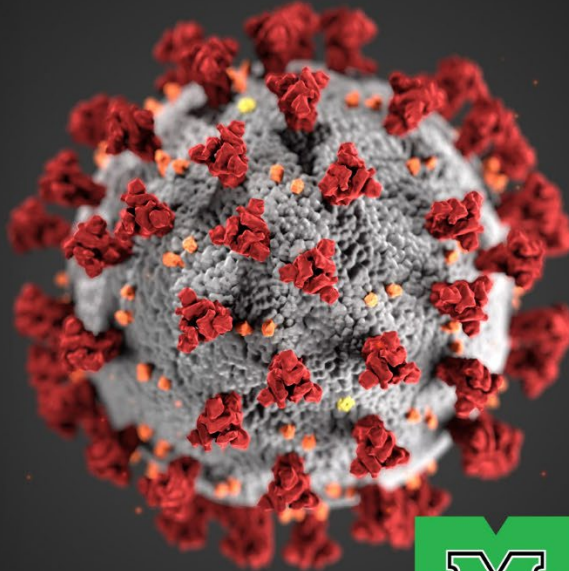
** Includes auxiliary employees (Sodexo, Aetna, Rec Center, etc.)*

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.

Stay *Informed...*

For COVID-19 and
Marshall University updates, visit:
www.marshall.edu/coronavirus



For additional information, visit:
www.cdc.gov



The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed Sept. 21, 2022. Please send items for consideration to WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu by 5 P.M. Monday, Sept. 19, 2022.

To read the content of this newsletter online, please click on the following link: www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/September-14-2022.
