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# WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University  
Faculty and Staff

December 7, 2022

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## Brunty to give December commencement address Dec. 10

DECEMBER 7, 2022



Marshall faculty member Josh Brunty will present the December commencement address Saturday, Dec. 10, at Mountain Health Arena in Huntington.

The West Virginia native is a renowned expert in the area of digital forensics. He's an associate professor of digital forensics in the College of Science. Brunty is a former digital

forensics laboratory manager and examiner with over a decade of experience in the field of digital forensics and high-tech crime investigation.

Prior to joining Marshall in 2012, Brunty spent several years as a digital forensics examiner and laboratory technical leader assisting in many high-profile cases for agencies around West Virginia, as well as serving on several federal and state-level cybercrime task forces and panels.

Marshall's December 2022 Commencement will feature one ceremony at 10 a.m., led by President Brad D. Smith. A total of 1,106 students are expected to graduate this December, with approximately 500 students planning to participate in the ceremonies, which will be livestreamed.

Marshall University Registrar Dr. Sonja Cantrell-Johnson says the ceremony is always a joyful time for students.

"We're excited once again for the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our great students and welcome them to the family of Marshall alumni," said Cantrell-Johnson. "We're thrilled to hear from one of our great faculty members in Josh Brunty."

### *Parking*

Parking is available in the parking garage on Third Avenue across from the Mountain Health Arena. Parking in this garage is available on weekends at no charge. In addition, parking is available in the Pullman Square garages for a minimal fee. All three parking garages are in reasonable walking distance of the arena.

### *Security*

The Mountain Health Arena has implemented security procedures including walk-through metal detectors for all events occurring in the building, including Marshall University's commencement ceremonies. Graduates and guests should allow additional time to make it through security and find seats before the ceremony begins.

Prohibited items include illegal drugs or substances, outside food and drink, knives, guns, pepper spray, lasers, glow sticks, fireworks, wallet chains, sharp spiked jewelry, selfie sticks, tripods and umbrellas. It is important to note the arena has a clear bag policy. For a full list of prohibited items, please visit [www.mountainhealtharena.com/](http://www.mountainhealtharena.com/).

### *Photographs*

Professional photographers will be at the stage area during the ceremony to take pictures of each graduate. Legacy Photographics Inc. will send proof information to graduates using MU e-mail addresses a few days after the ceremony. Purchase of photographs is entirely optional. Please contact Legacy at [www.legacyphoto.com](http://www.legacyphoto.com) or 1-800-447-2550 for more information.

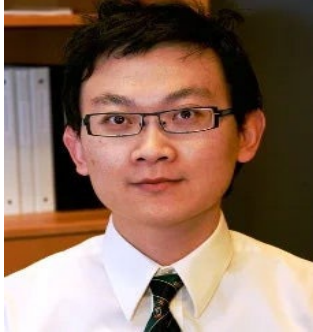
### *Ceremonies Available on the Web*

The commencement ceremonies will be streamed live on the web. The link will be available on the main Marshall University website at [www.marshall.edu/it/livestream](http://www.marshall.edu/it/livestream).

For more information about commencement, visit [www.marshall.edu/commencement](http://www.marshall.edu/commencement).

## In Memoriam: Dr. Jian Liu

DECEMBER 7, 2022



Dr. Jian Liu, associate professor of industrial and systems engineering, passed away yesterday from an ongoing illness. Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but updates will be available at <https://www.schneiderhallfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Jian-Liu?obId=26539095#/celebrationWall>.

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## 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, and Dr. Chris White 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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For more information, please visit [libguides.marshall.edu/scantrons](https://libguides.marshall.edu/scantrons) or contact [circ@marshall.edu](mailto:circ@marshall.edu) or 304-696-2321.



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## Nominees named for Classified Staff Council special election

DECEMBER 5, 2022

Elections will be held from 6 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 – 11:59 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12. Those elected will finish the remainder of the current term, which will end on June 30, 2023. The following employees are running in this special election:

### Running for the 1 Open Seat on EEO 10 – Executive, Administrative and Managerial

- Teresa Meddings – Business Services Support
- Amy Workman – Bursar's Office

### Running for the 2 Open Seats on EEO 30 – Other

- Jebediah Dickerson – Faculty Senate
- Wendy Carter – School of Medicine
- Anna Evans – Financial Aid
- Lisa Pitkin Ransbottom – Biological Science
- Darlene Howell – Registrar

Staff members are *highly* recommended to vote early in the election period so that if they encounter any problems logging in or casting their ballot they may obtain assistance from the Help Desk.

Any staff member who is unable to successfully vote electronically should notify the Staff Council Office or Election Committee Chair Nina Barrett PRIOR to the end of the voting period. Contact information is listed below:

- Staff Council Office – Katie Counts, 304-696-2222 or [easter@marshall.edu](mailto:easter@marshall.edu)
- Election Committee Chair – Nina Barrett, 304-696-2216 or [barrett@marshall.edu](mailto:barrett@marshall.edu)

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**Annual Family Holiday Party**

Board members, faculty and staff

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 15, 2022  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center

Please join us for food, fun and Santa!

*RSVP to Cora Pyles at 304-696-3977  
by December 13, 2022.*



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## Marshall faculty represented in European Cultural Centre's Personal Structures Venice Biennale 2022 exhibition

DECEMBER 6, 2022

Marshall Art Professor Ian Hagarty attended public screenings and the award ceremony for the European Cultural Centre's *Personal Structures —Reflections* exhibition, held in conjunction with the Venice Biennale 2022. A work by Hagarty and Marshall Photography Associate Professor Danny Kaufmann, *Riverine*, was featured.

“This is the biggest exhibition opportunity of our careers,” said Hagarty, who has taught painting, drawing and other courses. “We wanted to embrace this opportunity to challenge ourselves to do something different and meaningful. Knowing that there was going to be this massive international audience, we wanted to showcase where we live in this significant moment and saw it as a unique opportunity to promote West Virginia in a positive way.”

The Venice Biennale is a premier international art exhibition and the world's oldest biennial exhibition. According to the European Cultural Centre, it attracts 500,000 visitors from April through November, so the opportunity to exhibit during the Venice Biennale brings international attention to the New River Gorge National Park and West Virginia. *Riverine* celebrates the park and reflects its rich anthropological, cultural and geological chronology.

“We were trying to represent what we were learning about the park through our artistic practice and sensibilities,” Hagarty said. “We also wanted the piece to be something that neither Danny nor I have ever done before.”

The two professors received the Marshall University Distinguished Artists and Scholars group award for *Riverine* in 2022. To produce and exhibit *Riverine*, Hagarty and Kaufmann received major support from the Chiericozzi family, Marshall's College of Arts and Media, the Marshall University Foundation and the Marshall University Research Corporation (MURC). Both professors plan to use this experience to develop new curricula within the School of Art and Design.

A video tour of the exhibit can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d477qrwczR0>.

For more information about the School of Art and Design, visit [www.marshall.edu/art](http://www.marshall.edu/art).

## Zanter invited to present at Generative Art Conference in Rome, Italy

DECEMBER 5, 2022

Dr. Mark Zanter, professor of music and interim director of the School of Art and Design, will present a paper titled “The Use of Markov Chains in Ex Machina” (2022) at the 25th Generative Art Conference in Rome, Italy, Dec. 13. The paper addresses how probability matrices generate music in several sections of the work.

“The Generative Art Conference hosted annually by Celestino Soddu and Enrica Colabella, of the Generative Art and Design Lab ARGENTIA Association, is a multidisciplinary conference attended by artists, composers, designers, architects, choreographers, filmmakers and more. It is a tremendous venue to meet and network with a wide variety of creatives from all over the globe,” Zanter said. “I’ve presented at Generative Art over the past few years and am honored to be invited to participate this year.”

Ex Machina is a multidisciplinary work combining composed and algorithmically generated music, processed video and modern dance. The work is a concert-length performance, a spectacle of sound, light, and movement. Inspired by themes in novels by Philip K. Dick and William Gibson and others, ensemble performance is integrated with computer-generated music, video and dance, generating interplay between real and virtual worlds, between grittiness/immediacy of daily life and cyber fantasy. The work is a musical, visual experience embracing technology and celebrating performance.

A premiere of the work is slated for March of 2023.

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## Hensel, Gillette join Marshall Health OB/GYN care team

DECEMBER 5, 2022



Board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist [Stacey Hensel, M.D.](#), provides primary, gynecologic and obstetric care as well as fertility treatment. Hensel, who serves as an assistant professor at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, obtained her medical degree from the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville, Florida, and completed an OB/GYN residency at Charleston Area Medical Center in



Charleston, West Virginia. She is also a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Hensel is accepting patients and referrals at [Marshall Obstetrics & Gynecology](#) at Marshall Health-Teays Valley in Scott Depot and the East Huntington location at 5170 U.S. Route 60, Suite 3400. For appointments, call 304-691-1400.

Tevin Gillette, board-certified occupational therapist, is accepting referrals for pelvic floor therapy (PFT). Gillette has 15 years of PFT experience and specializes in treating bladder and bowel issues, sexual dysfunction, pelvic organ prolapse, pelvic pain, and pregnancy and childbirth related pain and dysfunction. She sees patients at [Marshall Obstetrics & Gynecology](#) in Huntington. For referrals, call 304-691-1400.

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## Autism documentary ‘In A Different Key’ to premiere on PBS

DECEMBER 6, 2022



“In A Different Key,” based on the Pulitzer Prize-nominated book *In a Different Key: The Story of Autism*, by John Donvan and Caren Zucker, will premiere on PBS stations Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 9 p.m. EST. The documentary highlights the importance of community understanding and acceptance in improving life quality for those diagnosed with the developmental disorder, and tells the story of Donald T., the first child diagnosed with autism who is still alive and thriving in

Mississippi.

The movie trailer and more information about the film may be found by following this link: <https://www.pbs.org/show/different-key/>.

The book *In a Different Key: The Story of Autism* detailed, in part, the pioneering role many in West Virginia played in the creation of autism-specific services during the 1970s, 80s, and early 90s. In April, 2022, Donvan and Zucker partnered with the WV Autism Training Center to hold a public viewing of the documentary in Huntington to celebrate Autism Awareness Month.

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## Marshall Psychiatry welcomes Ajayi, McAulay

DECEMBER 5, 2022



**Oluwadamilare Ajayi, M.D.**, and **John McAulay, Psy.D.**, have joined Marshall Health's psychiatry care team. Ajayi is an assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, where he obtained his medical degree and completed his psychiatry residency. Ajayi specializes in adult inpatient psychiatric care. McAulay obtained his doctorate from Marshall University and serves as an instructor at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He specializes in individual and group

therapy, psychological evaluations, adolescent and emerging adult populations, as well as transgender and gender minorities. McAulay is accepting patients at Marshall Psychiatry, an outpatient department of Cabell Huntington Hospital, at 1115 20th Street in Huntington. For appointments, call 304-691-1500.

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## United Way Workplace Campaign continues through Dec. 16

DECEMBER 5, 2022

**INVEST THE FUTURE OF THE HERD**  
**2022 UNITED WAY WORKPLACE CAMPAIGN**  
Support United Way through paycheck deductions or one-time donations. Visit [www.marshall.edu/unitedway](http://www.marshall.edu/unitedway) to pledge.

**Thursday, Nov. 17 – Friday, Dec. 16**

Please join us in supporting United Way of the River Cities through paycheck deduction or a one-time donation.

Funds help five local counties develop long-term solutions related to: Education | Critical Health Issues | Financial Stability. *Every gift makes a difference.*



[www.marshall.edu/unitedway](http://www.marshall.edu/unitedway)    

It's not too late to contribute to the United Way of the River Cities as part of the 2022 United Way Workplace Campaign. Marshall employees are welcome to make a one-time donation or register for payroll deduction by visiting [www.marshall.edu/unitedway](http://www.marshall.edu/unitedway). If you're considering giving, please take a moment to look over this message from United Way's director of Resource Development, Bill Rosenberger:

Let me tell you a story that took place just more than 10 years ago when the derecho storm hit our area during a hot, muggy day in late June. Downed trees, power outages everywhere – you couldn't find ice anywhere. In the aftermath of the storm, I wrote a story for The Herald-Dispatch about the neighborhood along Marshall Avenue, just up from Spring Hill Elementary.

Homes on one side of the road had power, while those on the other side did not. Along the road were about a half dozen extension cords running from homes with power to those without. Those with power wanted to make sure their neighbors across the street could keep their fridges and fans running.

That story reminds me a lot about United Way and you, our donors. We don't need you to power the whole neighborhood with one big gift. But if everyone pitched in with their extension cord, we could lift up entire families, communities and cities within our five-county footprint.

I'm guessing that most of you live in Cabell, Mason, Wayne, Lincoln or Lawrence (Ohio) counties... our coverage area. That means you live among a population where 1 in 3 people are experiencing poverty. The other person is working but making too much to receive additional support and not enough to save and get ahead. Truly, only about 50 percent of folks in our five counties actually have jobs that allow them to save, go on vacations, and make charitable gifts.

We can do better. We must do better.

Last year's campaign at Marshall remained above \$20,000, which helped the university surpass \$800,000 in giving since 2000. That's a tremendous achievement. But in those days, Marshall employees were giving between \$45,000 and \$65,000.

That amount may seem unrealistic. But I believe it's not. Do you realize that if every employee gave just \$2 per paycheck, or \$52 a year, the Marshall campaign would surpass \$100,000!

So let's go for it. From the President's Office to Athletics to the custodial staff – everyone can do something.

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## Payroll announces closing date for TimeClock Plus

DECEMBER 5, 2022

Due to the holiday break, TCP will be closing on **Monday, Dec. 19, at 10 a.m.**, for the Dec. 30 check. **Managers will need to have all the time their employees worked (12/3-12/16) put into TCP and approved in TCP by 10 a.m. on Dec. 19.**

If any adjustments are needed, please e-mail the payroll office ([payroll@marshall.edu](mailto:payroll@marshall.edu)) and we will adjust these accordingly. Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and Happy Holidays.

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## **Marshall team scores within top 1% of teams at National Cyber League Fall 2022 competition**

DECEMBER 6, 2022

A team of Marshall University cyber students scored 28th out of 3,926 teams at the National Cyber League's Fall 2022 competition last month, putting the team in the top 0.71% of the competitors.

The competition focused on open source intelligence (OSINT), cyber forensics, password cracking, network traffic analysis, cryptography, scanning and reconnaissance, web application exploitation, enumeration and exploitation, and log analysis. Marshall scored in the 100th percentile in multiple categories including cryptography, open source intelligence and network traffic analysis.

Coached by Josh Brunty, an associate professor in the cyber forensics and security program, the Fall 2022 Cyber League team members included Ethan Endres, Alisha Joseph, Jack McFee, A.J. Clark, Samuel Adkins, Jaslin Giron and Hannah Carroll.

"This is another great finish for our team," said John Sammons, associate director of Marshall's Institute for Cyber Security. "We couldn't be prouder of these students and their coach, Professor Brunty. They have put in some very hard work, and it clearly shows. From the faculty standpoint, these competitions are great opportunities for students to apply what they've learned in the classroom to realistic and challenging problems. It also demonstrates to prospective employers that they have the skills, abilities, discipline and motivation to succeed."

The Marshall team has historically performed well in the competition, ranking in the top 10 four times and winning in the spring of 2020.

"Competing in the National Cyber League teaches these students hands-on and teamwork skills that we could never replicate in the classroom" Brunty said. "It's these skills that will set them apart in the cyber workforce after graduation."

Senior Hannah Carroll, a cyber forensics and security (CFS) major, said the competition was one of the most beneficial experiences she's had at Marshall.

"During the competition, I discovered new skills and strengthened current ones that I can use in my classes, internships and career," Carroll said. "I spent time building a relationship with my

teammates and further developing my leadership skills when working on the team game. I have also broadened my network by meeting other competitors and professionals involved in the competition. Overall, the National Cyber League has strengthened me as a professional through the years I have participated.”

Ethan Endres, a senior in Marshall’s cyber forensics and security program, described the competition as “a really fun and a highly educational experience. The challenges were so unique and really had all of our team members thinking outside the box.”

“Competing in the NCL competition has been a very rewarding experience for me,” said Alisha Joseph, also a senior in the CFS program. “I love how this competition helped me enhance my critical thinking and problem-solving skills.”

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## **Marshall Health, Mountain Health Network launch new drug testing services**

DECEMBER 6, 2022

Advanced toxicology services are now available through a joint initiative owned and operated by [Marshall Health](#) and [Mountain Health Network](#).

[Mountain Health Clinical Solutions](#) (MHCS) provides urine testing for drugs of abuse for employers and health care providers and is able to deliver results within three business days. Employers may also utilize MHCS services for new employee testing, as well as continuous monitoring to record their compliance with state and federal laws.

MHCS uses liquid chromatograph tandem mass spectrometer (LC/MS/MS) technology, the gold standard in toxicology, to provide high sensitivity and reliable results to health care providers and employers. On-site specimen collection is available upon request.

“We have assembled a local team of experts focused on quality testing complemented by shortened turnaround times,” said Krista L. Denning, M.D., medical director of MHCS and professor and chair of pathology at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. “Our testing takes place in state, and MHCS is well equipped to address the growing workforce demand for testing services throughout West Virginia and the Tri-state.”

MHCS also offers free consultation and compliance monitoring services to help health care providers ensure patients are taking medications as prescribed.

“The work we’re doing at MHCS is helping health care providers give their patients the care they need and helping employers throughout our region ensure they can support a safe and drug-free

workplace,” said Kristen Bailey, M.S., managing toxicologist for MHCS and the Cabell Huntington Hospital laboratory.

The Huntington-based Mountain Health Clinical Solutions is accredited by the College of American Pathologists and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA). For more information, or to schedule a consultation, visit <http://www.mountainhealthclinicalsolutions.org/> or call 304-781-4445.

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### **About Marshall Health**

Marshall Health is the clinical enterprise of Marshall University and its Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Marshall Health brings together a comprehensive care team of 400 providers in 75 areas of primary and specialty care. As part of an academic health system, Marshall Health is committed to improving access to care throughout southern West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky through advanced technologies and research that benefit its patients and the communities it serves. To learn more, visit [marshallhealth.org](http://marshallhealth.org).

### **About Mountain Health Network**

Mountain Health Network is a West Virginia-based not-for-profit health delivery system comprised of Cabell Huntington Hospital, a 303-bed teaching hospital for Marshall University Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy and Nursing; St. Mary’s Medical Center, a 393-bed teaching hospital that operates St. Mary’s Schools of Nursing, Respiratory Care and Medical Imaging; Hoops Family Children’s Hospital, a 72-bed pediatric specialty hospital within Cabell Huntington Hospital; HIMG, an 80-member multi-specialty physician group; and Pleasant Valley Hospital, a 101 acute-bed hospital. Mountain Health is committed to improving the health and well-being of over one million children and adults in 38 counties in West Virginia, southern Ohio and eastern Kentucky through understanding, respecting and meeting their needs. To learn more, visit [www.mountainhealthnetwork.org](http://www.mountainhealthnetwork.org).

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## **Stapleton receives awards from Association for Educational Communication and Technology**

DECEMBER 5, 2022

Dr. Laura Stapleton, an assistant professor in Marshall’s Department of Mathematics, has earned two Presidential Service Awards from the Association for Educational Communication and Technology. One award was presented from the association’s Design and Development Division

after her service in 2019 as the Design and Development Board Associate, having been selected from among all of the Ph.D. student applicants. Also, in 2020, Stapleton was elected to serve as vice president of communications for the Design and Development Division, the largest division in AECT. In the position, she developed the communications plan to notify members of opportunities, services and current information throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stapleton was also awarded AECT's Special Service Award for her contributions related to the adoption of implementation of Higher Logic software program to facilitate easier engagement and communication among members of the association.

The Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) is an international organization that promotes diversity of thought and culture and is dedicated to improving learning.

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## Women excel in RCBI's welding tech program

DECEMBER 5, 2022



You may be aware of the significant contributions of Rosie the Riveters, but you may not know that during World War II, working alongside Rosies in factories, shipyards and munitions plants was another essential group of women: Wendy the Welders.

In fact, during wartime, nearly 25 percent of U.S. welders were women – the largest percentage ever. Today, that number has dwindled to about 3.5 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which classifies welders with the related occupations of cutters, solderers and brazers.

That presents a problem. A recent study by Deloitte and the Manufacturing Institute found that nearly 2.1 million manufacturing jobs – including welding positions – could go unfilled by 2030 because of a lack of skilled talent. The same study recommended that industry greatly expand efforts to recruit and retain women and other underrepresented groups as one of the best ways of bridging the skills gap.

Marshall's Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) recently has seen a significant uptick in the number of women interested in its Welding Technology program, offered in partnership with Mountwest Community and Technical College.

Brittany Carter of Huntington is one of a growing number of female students studying welding at RCBI. But she's not intimidated by the prospects of pursuing a career in a male-dominated industry. In fact, it's a motivating factor.

"I wanted to become a welder because all of the guys I talked to about it told me I couldn't do it," Carter said. "It pushes me to be stronger, up my expectations as a woman. It's a male-dominated industry so we're going to have to work harder, but it's going to be worth it at the end of the day. That excites me."

Classmate Jayne Polvinen of Lavalette echoed Carter's sentiments. "I'm sure we might get some crap, maybe even get harassed a little bit, but it will only push me to be better."

Polvinen is not your typical student. The 32-year-old said she worked a series of "dead-end" jobs after high school before recently enrolling in RCBI's welding program as a way of improving her situation. "I wanted something that would pay better, that wouldn't bore me like a typical 9-to-5 job would. I had taken welding in high school when I was about 15 and though I never got back into it, I always remembered it."

Fellow welding student Q'Aliyah Turner of Charleston said she decided on welding as a career choice because she wanted to do something different. "I wanted to do something that would make me happy, something that I liked. The hands-on aspect of welding really caught my attention. Plus, you can make crafty things, so there is sort of an artistic side to it."

"Definitely the hands-on thing," interjected Polvinen. "I don't want an office job. I want to be out there working with my hands."

Turner said she also likes the fact that, because welders work in various industries and are in demand across the country, the vocation offers the opportunity for travel. "When I first chose welding, I wasn't aware of the demand, but I was aware that you can work anywhere: on cars, in shipyards – even underwater," said Polvinen. "If you don't like doing one thing, welding allows you to move on to something else."

All three women said they find welding satisfying but that it requires – perhaps above all – patience.

"You have to know when to slow down," Carter said. "I keep telling myself, 'Brittany, you gotta slow down, you're going a little too fast.' But you get used to it."

Polvinen agreed. "I like to move really fast, get things done," she explained. "Welding definitely requires patience – and perseverance. You can't let your patience run out. You just have to keep going until you get it done."

Turner said that the patience welding demands is due, in large part, to the precision that the skill requires. "For example, you have to be really steady, not shaky, when you're doing overhead welding. I have to stop myself, take a few deep breaths, just calm down and remind myself that it's not going to be easy every time."



Brad Lowe, RCBI welding instructor, said he is impressed with how these three first-year students , who currently are studying stick, plate and fillet welding, have progressed in just a short time.

Carter, Polvinen and Turner are the first students in their class to earn welding certifications from the American Welding Society (AWS). All three earned their SMAW (stick) fillet weld-plate certification on the same day earlier this month.

“These ladies are the three best welders in the class. They really are,” Lowe said. “Not to take anything away from the others. The guys aren’t very far behind, but these ladies are really dedicated. They’re just a little ahead of everyone else.”

To learn more about RCBI’s Welding Technology program, visit [www.rcbi.org/welding](http://www.rcbi.org/welding) or call 304-781-1678. New classes begin Jan. 9.

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*Photo:* First-year RCBI welding students (from left) Brittany Carter, Jayne Polvinen and Q’Aliyah Turner say they aren’t intimidated by the fact that most welders are men. In fact, they say it merely motivates them. The three women recently became the first in their class to earn industry certifications.

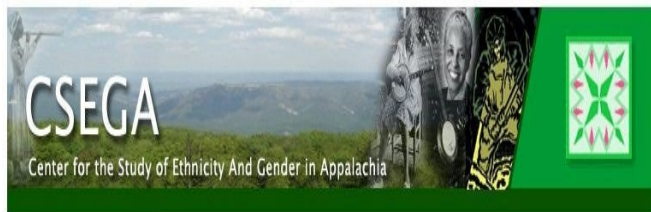
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## Application period underway for Sarah Denman Faces of Appalachia Fellowship Award

DECEMBER 5, 2022



Applications are now being accepted for the Sarah Denman Faces of Appalachia Fellowship Award\* for the 2023– 2024 academic year. The deadline for submissions is **December 31, 2022.**

The purpose of this fellowship award, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia (CSEGA), is to promote scholarship on gender, race, and/or ethnicity in Appalachia. The fellowship is awarded annually to a full-time Marshall University faculty member. The Sarah Denman Faces of Appalachia Fellow, who is selected by the CSEGA Advisory Board and announced at the annual

spring faculty meeting, receives a \$3,000 cash award. Fellows present their scholarship to the Marshall community in the spring of their fellowship year (spring, 2024).

### Application Process

Marshall faculty members interested in being considered for the fellowship award should submit a professional vita along with a 1-2 page abstract of the proposed project. Please include a statement that clearly defines the scope of your work and explains how the fellowship will assist you in your research. **The research must emphasize gender, race, and/or ethnicity in Appalachia** and may be a new project or a continuation of a project already underway.

Please send application materials by email to Mary Thomas at [mthomas@marshall.edu](mailto:mthomas@marshall.edu) by **December 31, 2022**. The award winner, as well as other applicants, will be notified early in the Spring 2023 semester.

For additional information about the Sarah Denman Faces of Appalachia Fellowship Award, contact Lori Thompson, assistant professor, at [thompson39@marshall.edu](mailto:thompson39@marshall.edu).

**\*This award is funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.**

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- \* Completion of the scholarship application does not guarantee an award will be made.
- \*\* Awards for Fall 2023 for incoming freshman can start as early as Jan 31, 2023.

For more information contact the Office of Student Financial Aid  
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# Holiday Scam Wrap Up

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[www.marshall.edu/infosec](http://www.marshall.edu/infosec)



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## Coronavirus Statistics:

New Cases Since Nov. 22, 2022

Students: 0

Faculty: 0

Staff\*: 0

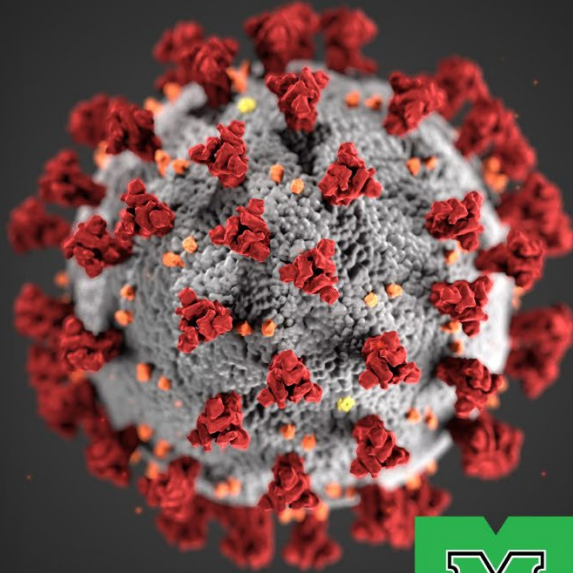
*\* Includes auxiliary employees (Sodexo, Aetna, Rec Center, etc.)*

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