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## Board of Governors gives approval to move forward with purchase of athletic scoreboards

JANUARY 4, 2023

The Marshall University Board of Governors approved requests from the Athletic Department allowing high-tech video scoreboards to be purchased with private funds for several sports including football. The approvals came at its most recent meeting Dec. 14.

In his presentation to the board, Athletic Director Christian Spears said due to supply chain disruptions, it will be a year for some of scoreboard components to be shipped. Even though the boards will be privately funded, Board of Governors approval was needed because of the cost, which exceeds \$1 million per scoreboard. Spears says the new videoboard will enhance the fan experience tremendously at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

In other action at that meeting, the board approved funding for an upgrade to the HVAC systems in Gullickson Hall Gym and the Cam Henderson Center. The system upgrade will provide cooling to the playing surface and fan experience in the Henderson Center, as well as heating and cooling to Gullickson Gym.

The Board of Governors agreed to a revision to the university's alcohol policy expanding where alcohol can be sold on campus and to whom. The revision opens other venues for alcohol sales on campus including the new baseball stadium. It is expected the changes will take effect in January 2023.

In addition, the board also approved a new degree program, M.S. in Natural Resources and the Environment, as well as a change to the M.A. in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Approval for the university to purchase the [PROACT](#) building at 20th Street and Eighth Avenue was approved as well.

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## Marshall Health, RCBI announce employer education series

JANUARY, 2023

[The Robert C. Byrd Institute](#) (RCBI) and [Marshall Health](#) are teaming up for a series of free virtual workshops for employers starting in January.

Facilitated by the employment experts from Marshall Health's CORE (Creating Opportunities for Recovery Employment) initiative and RCBI, the series will provide human resource professionals and front-line managerial staff with practical strategies and approaches for building and retaining a ready workforce. Topics will include employer evaluation, identifying addiction as a disease, components of a drug-free workplace policy, addressing stigma in the workplace, operations to establish a safe and healthy workplace, and connections to resources to assist employers with issues related to substance use disorder.

The free hourlong sessions, which will run 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day, are:

- Tuesday, Jan. 10 – CORE: Matching People to Jobs
- Tuesday, Feb. 14 – Safe and Healthy Workplace: A Well Culture Advances Recruitment and Retention
- Tuesday, March 14 – Set the Temperature: Establish Policies, Procedures and a Culture That Makes a Difference

- Tuesday, April 11 – Employer Supports and Incentives: Responding to Workforce Needs

Employers may register for any or all of the workshops at [www.rcbi.org/employersessions](http://www.rcbi.org/employersessions). Registrants will receive information about how to join the online events after they register.

RCBI and CORE have a successful history of working together through initiatives such as Recovery Works to prepare individuals recovering from substance use disorder to enter or re-enter the workforce and find and maintain steady employment. For more information, contact RCBI's Carol Howerton by e-mail at [carol.howerton@rcbi.org](mailto:carol.howerton@rcbi.org) or by phone at 304-781-1670, or CORE's Ashley Shaw at [shawa@marshall.edu](mailto:shawa@marshall.edu) or 304-691-1995.

The workshops are made possible with U.S. Department of Labor support through its [Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities \(WORC\) initiative](#).

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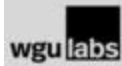
Hear from visiting Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Zarutckaia on her experiences at Marshall and what she'll take back to St. Petersburg.

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## **Marshall, WVSU receive \$1.5 million from federal government to establish Cyber Security Center for Critical Infrastructure**

JANUARY 4, 2023

Marshall University, in partnership with West Virginia State University, has received \$1.5 million from the U.S. Department of Education to help establish a Cyber Security Center for Critical Infrastructure at each university.

The funds are granted to help build capacity at Marshall and West Virginia State University to address needed research into the cyber security issues associated with critical infrastructure in

the state. They also will help the universities to pilot training programs for critical infrastructure operators in cybersecurity for their particular industries.

Marshall and West Virginia State can use the grant funding to develop laboratory facilities at both institutions and a virtual laboratory across both institutions, and to provide technical short courses for operators in the critical infrastructure industries, where the operators can learn from those laboratories how to defend the critical infrastructure equipment from cyber attacks.

Dr. Paulus Wahjudi, professor and chair of Marshall's Department of Computer Sciences and Electrical Engineering, will serve as the site director at Marshall. The Principal Investigator (PI) for the grant proposal is Dr. David Dampier, dean of Marshall's College of Engineering and Computer Sciences and director of Marshall's Institute for Cyber Security.

"Cyberattacks on critical infrastructures can have a significant impact to vital services," Wahjudi said. "Securing these systems requires understanding how internet-connected control systems work, how they are configured, and how they are accessed. We are excited to join with WVSU in providing the capability to train existing and future cyber security professionals to be able to better defend critical infrastructure."

The cyber security of the state's and nation's critical infrastructure is of paramount importance," said John Sammons, associate director of Marshall's Institute for Cyber Security.

"Our day-to-day lives, business, and government rely on heavily these services," Sammons said. "In addition, cyber attacks on these systems could produce catastrophic consequences in the real world. This could result not only in significant property damage but even the loss of life. Security of these systems will be a significant focus of the MU Institute for Cyber Security."

Among those involved with the project from WVSU are Dr. Naveed Zaman, dean of WVSU's College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, who will serve as administrative lead; Dr. Ali Alsinayyid and Dr. Heng Wu, assistant professors of computer science who will be faculty researchers; and Dr. Michael Anderson, professor of mathematics, who will provide technical support.

"I am thrilled about this partnership," Zaman said. "This grant enhances cybersecurity research capacity at WVSU, complements our cybersecurity education by providing experiential learning opportunities to our graduate and undergraduate students, strengthens West Virginia's critical cyber infrastructures, and establishes a strategic partnership between WVSU and MU. I look forward to working with Dean Dampier and the MU team to make it a success for both institutions and the state of West Virginia."

WVSU faculty members are "excited to partner with the faculty at Marshall University to strengthen the research programs and create opportunities for students at both institutions," said Dr. Xiaohong Zhang, chair of WVSU's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. "We expect this project to lay a foundation for a long-lasting partnership between the two departments."



## Vivek Yadala named December Fellow of the Month

JANUARY 4, 2023



Vivek Yadala, M.D., has been named the December Fellow of the Month for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, announced Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean of graduate medical education.

Yadala is finishing his third and final year of the hematology and oncology fellowship program at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He obtained his M.D. from the Shri B.M. Patil Medical College Hospital and Research Center in India, followed by an internal medicine residency at Marshall.

Yadala was nominated by Toni Pacioles, M.D., associate professor of hematology and oncology, for his outstanding service as this year's chief fellow.

“Dr. Yadala is a pleasure to work with and dedicated to his co-fellows’ educational needs,” Pacioles said. “He actively participates in conferences, asks thought-provoking and challenging questions during rounds and promptly provides updates about faculty and fellows’ schedules, rotations, lectures and conferences.”

“He has an outstanding work ethic and exemplary professionalism,” said Maria Tria-Tirona, M.D., professor and chief of the department of hematology and oncology. “Dr. Yadala always goes the extra mile, especially when it comes to patient care. He also excels in his administrative role as our current chief fellow.”

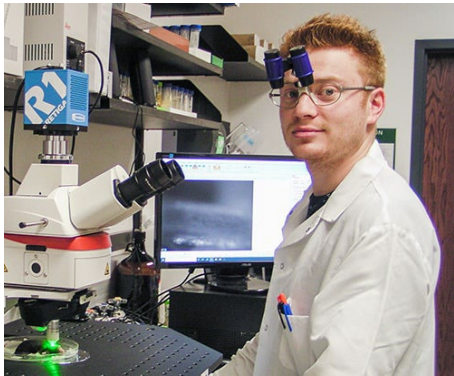
“Dr. Yadala’s nomination is exactly why we have the resident and fellow of the month awards,” said Wehner. “Our trainees work long and difficult hours. We love to recognize those who are exceptional at their jobs.”

As part of his Fellow of the Month recognition, Yadala received a plaque and designated parking spot.

After completing his training in June 2023, Yadala will join his wife, Bhavana Vemula, M.D., as a faculty member at the University of Arkansas. Vemula completed her endocrinology fellowship in June 2022.

## Student earns American Heart Association predoctoral fellowship

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Renat Roytenberg (pictured), a student pursuing a combined M.D. and Ph.D. at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, was awarded the highly competitive two-year predoctoral fellowship with the American Heart Association.

As part of the fellowship, Roytenberg will investigate thrombosis in the context of COVID-19. Roytenberg is conducting his Ph.D. dissertation research work under the mentorship of Wei Li, Ph.D., associate professor of biomedical sciences. For more than a decade, Li's lab has been pioneering the study of a novel thrombotic mediator, thymidine phosphorylase (TYMP). Earlier this year, Li's team found, for the first time, that SARS-CoV-2 infection significantly increased TYMP expression and is positively correlated with disease severity. Roytenberg's research seeks to clarify the detailed mechanism regarding the involvement of TYMP in SARS-CoV-2 spike protein-induced inflammation and thrombosis. This research could help establish TYMP as a therapeutic target in COVID-19.

Roytenberg earned his undergraduate degree in mathematics, biochemistry and chemistry from La Salle University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The COVID-19 study in the Li lab is supported by the NIH (2R15HL145573-02), WV-INBRE (P20GM103434), and WV-CTSI (U54GM104942) pilot grant programs, as well as NASA WVSGC program.



## Call for Nominations: John and Frances Rucker Outstanding Graduate Advisor Award

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The Graduate Council Credentialing Committee seeks nominations for the Rucker Outstanding Graduate Advisor Award. Nominations should be submitted to Dr. Keith Beard by e-mail at [beard@marshall.edu](mailto:beard@marshall.edu) or to Harris Hall 331-A, Marshall University, Huntington, WV 25755 by **March 3, 2023**.

Eligibility criteria and details about the nomination process can be found at <https://www.marshall.edu/graduate-council/john-and-frances-rucker-outstanding-graduate-advisor-award/>.

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## Longtime physicians, friends establish scholarship at Marshall School of Medicine

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Bradley D. Henry, M.D., F.A.C.P., and Jack L. Kinder Jr., M.D., have been friends for more than 30 years, since their early days as classmates at the [Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine](#). Over the years, their friendship has continued to grow, and they have teamed up to support future medical students where their friendship began.

“This scholarship is indicative of life coming full circle,” Kinder said. “We are giving back to the medical school because of the excellent education we received at Marshall in a way that assists a future colleague in our profession.”

Henry grew up in Huntington and earned a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia, before earning his medical degree at Marshall University in 1991 followed by an internal medicine residency at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Henry served as president of the West Virginia State Medical Association from 2017 to 2018.

Kinder grew up in Nellis in Boone County, West Virginia. He double-majored in chemistry and biology at Marshall University before graduating with his medical degree from Marshall in 1991.

He completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine/Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1998, the duo established Drs. Henry, Kinder & Associates, PLLC, as a private internal medicine practice based in Charleston, West Virginia. They both serve on the state's occupational pneumoconiosis board and as co-medical directors for Charleston Area Medical Center's employee health. Both are members of Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society and are active in their county and state medical societies. Beyond medicine, Henry and Kinder each have two sons who grew up camping, fishing and playing sports together as close friends.

The *Jack L. Kinder Jr., M.D., and Bradley D. Henry, M.D., Scholarship* is designated for an entering medical student from Boone County, West Virginia, and second preference to a student from Cabell County, West Virginia, and is renewable for up to three years.

“As a Huntington native, Marshall has always been a part of my life,” Henry said. “My wife and two sons also have degrees from Marshall. I wanted to be part of the scholarship program and continue the mission of providing excellent medical care to the citizens of West Virginia. I hope this scholarship will give students the opportunity to stay and work in the state they love, just as I did.”

For more information or to make a gift to the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, please contact Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, by phone at 304-691-1711 or by e-mail at [holmes@marshall.edu](mailto:holmes@marshall.edu). For news and information about the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, follow us on Twitter [@MUSOMWV](https://twitter.com/MUSOMWV), like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/MUSOMWV) or visit [jcesom.marshall.edu](https://www.jcesom.marshall.edu).

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## Marshall plays role in equipping all West Virginia colleges to respond to opioid emergencies

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In early 2022, the West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute, the West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network (WVCRN) and Marshall University launched a new overdose prevention initiative on West Virginia's college and university campuses titled “Be The One.” The initiative focuses on opioid overdose prevention from a bystander's perspective, encouraging students, staff and faculty to **Be The One** to save a life.

A major component of the initiative includes the distribution and installation of the **ONEbox™** at West Virginia's public and private four-year colleges and universities, and on the state's

community and technical college campuses, totaling twenty-nine schools. These resources, along with naloxone, have been provided at no cost to the schools through grant funds.

The **ONEbox™** is an on-demand, one-of-a-kind, technology-enabled opioid overdose rescue response kit intended to contain two doses of naloxone, an opioid reversal medication, along with personal protective equipment. The box also contains instantaneous video instructions (in both English and Spanish) that are activated when **ONEbox™** is opened. Using a bystander intervention model, this video talks the responder through the overdose emergency and administration of naloxone. A training mode is also available for use during a non-emergency. The **ONEbox™** was invented by WV native and entrepreneur Joe Murphy, owner and CEO of Murphy Media.

“Drug overdoses caused by fentanyl are now the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18 to 45,” explained Dr. Susan Bissett, president of the West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute. “As a former campus administrator who, unfortunately, responded to an overdose on one of our state’s campuses, I know all too well the trauma an overdose can cause not only to a student’s family but the entire campus community. We can now truly say that West Virginia campuses are among the safest in the country with the installation of **ONEboxes™** and commitment to the **Be The One** program.”

As of Dec. 7, all West Virginia public and private four-year colleges and universities, and the state’s community and technical colleges, either already have the **ONEbox™** on campus, or are committed to the installation of the boxes prior to 2023.

After achieving adoption of this initiative with the 11 schools that are part of the Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern West Virginia, it became the mission of the West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network to provide these lifesaving tools on every campus in West Virginia.

“I am so proud of our presidents across the state for joining this voluntary effort and that West Virginia is the first state to have naloxone and the **ONEbox™** on every campus,” said Susie Mullens, program coordinator for the West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network, who has led the team to coordinate the statewide expansion. “West Virginia is setting a national precedent that we hope other states will adopt.”

Dr. Matt Christiansen is the director of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources’ Office of Drug Control Policy.

“Our colleges and universities across the state serve as pillars of their local communities,” Christiansen said. “We are so proud that they are leading our state in supporting students in recovery, offering naloxone and helping to spread the message that recovery is possible for everyone.”

The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission’s Behavioral Health Programs have supported the naloxone-on-campus initiative since the beginning. This state-level support

includes recent grant funds to recruit student ambassadors on college campuses to share opioid misuse prevention and medication safety education with their peers.

“We are proud to be part of a network of people and organizations committed to working together to increase access to resources in support of students’ health and educational success on every college campus across the state,” said Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker, West Virginia’s chancellor of higher education.

To learn more about the **ONEbox™** and the West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute, visit <https://www.wvdii.org/onebox>. For more information regarding the West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network, the Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern West Virginia or the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, is available at the links below:

<https://www.wvcollegiaterecovery.com>

<https://www.marshall.edu/aedswv/>

<https://www.wvhepc.edu/>

For more information, contact Bissett by e-mail at [susan@wvdii.org](mailto:susan@wvdii.org) or by phone at 304-941-4182, or Susie Mullens at [mullens20@marshall.edu](mailto:mullens20@marshall.edu) or 304-614-7177.

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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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### Coronavirus Statistics:

New Cases Since Dec. 21, 2022

Students: 0

Faculty: 0

Staff\*: 0

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

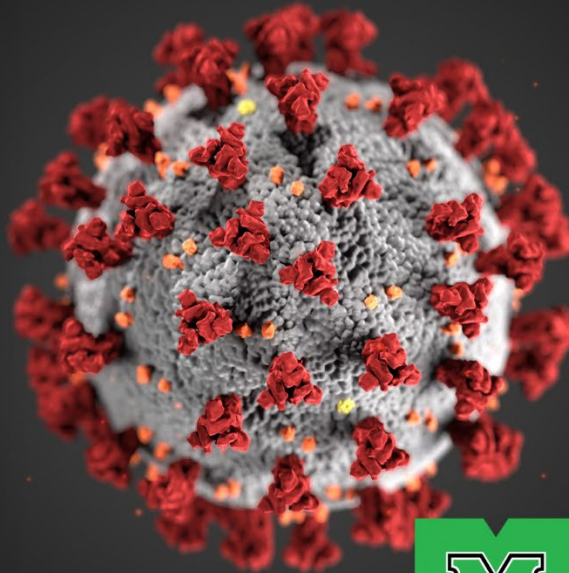
All testing is being done in partnership with Marshall Health, Cabell Huntington Hospital, Pleasant Valley Hospital, Q Labs Inc. and MedExpress Urgent Care.

The most recent information is always available at [www.marshall.edu/coronavirus/dashboard](http://www.marshall.edu/coronavirus/dashboard).



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