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The Newsletter for Marshall University Faculty and Staff March 1, 2023

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## **Spring Countdown to Commencement activities continue today**

MARCH 1, 2023



Marshall students looking toward graduation will have the opportunity to get everything they need in one place continuing today, Wednesday, March 1.

The semi-annual Countdown to Commencement is scheduled for the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center from 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. each of the two days. The

event is hosted each fall and spring semester by Student Affairs in preparation for commencement exercises and is open to all 2023 April tentative graduates.

This year's spring commencement will be held Saturday, April 29, at Mountain Health Arena at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Students should visit <u>www.marshall.edu/commencement</u> for further information on the ceremony in which they will participate.

The purpose of Countdown to Commencement is to assist those participating in this year's spring commencement so graduates can communicate with campus administrative offices in a central location, according to University Registrar Dr. Sonja Cantrell-Johnson.

"Countdown to Commencement always marks the beginning of exciting period for our students," Cantrell-Johnson said. "Countdown to Commencement allows for students to get done all the things needed for a successful graduation, in one spot."

Students will also be able to write thank you cards, decorate their caps and enjoy refreshments while preparing for commencement. Students who receive a stamp from each table will be entered for a drawing to win a diploma frame from Jostens.

The following services are available at Countdown to Commencement:

**Registrar's Office** — Students can verify graduation status, name format, and address for mailing diplomas; confirm commencement participation; obtain commencement instructions; receive recognition cords for military service or ROTC; pick up honor cords and tassels (if graduating with academic honors); and have an opportunity to report any special needs or concerns related to the event. International students can talk with university officials regarding the receipt of diplomas upon completion of degree. Requirements will be provided for having the diploma mailed to an address outside of the U.S. or for third party pick up of the diploma.

**Marshall University Bookstore** – Students can be measured for and purchase their caps and gowns, as well as purchase tassels, diploma frames, class rings and much more.

**Jostens** – Students can purchase their Marshall University Class of 2023 rings. Also, students can order graduation announcements.

**Legacy Photography** – Cap and gown portraits will be taken. There is no sitting fee, no obligation to purchase and free proofs will be available within 24 hours of the sitting.

**Career Education** – Students are encouraged to let the Office of Career Education know their post-graduation plans so it can help them along their career paths. Information and support will be available on job-related questions, resume assistance, interview skills and much more.

**Office of the Bursar** – Students may talk with staff about anything concerning their student accounts, holds, account balances and loan counseling interviews.

**Financial Aid** – Students may pick up information about upcoming financial aid workshops in which they may learn about default prevention, debt management, loan repayment, loan consolidation and loan forgiveness/cancellation programs. They also will have the opportunity to complete their loan exit counseling.

Alumni Relations/Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall – Students can learn about the benefits of a Marshall University Alumni Association membership as well as opportunities for contributing to the university after graduation.

**Intercultural Affairs** – All African and African American graduates are encouraged to stop by for information and to enroll for purposes of participating in the Donning of Kente celebration.

**Graduate Studies Information** – A graduate admissions counselor will be available to discuss graduate programs and assist with the admission process.

For more information about commencement, visit www.marshall.edu/commencement.

### **College of Science to host West Virginia Science Olympiad, provide NASA-funded coaching**

#### MARCH 1, 2023

Marshall's College of Science will host the 2023 West Virginia Science Olympiad state championship March 4, bringing approximately 120 high school students to the Huntington campus to test their scientific knowledge. Local schools, including Cabell Midland High School and Saint Joseph's Central Catholic School, are participating this year, along with schools from across the state.

"I can't wait to see all the high school students on event day," said Dr. Sachiko McBride, assistant professor in a joint faculty position between the College of Education and Professional Development and the College of Science at Marshall, and state director of the West Virginia Science Olympiad. She went on to say, "I am very thankful to all event supervisors and high school teams who are working hard to prepare for their events. I hope all the teams participating will have fun at the WV tournament. I am sure we will have a great competition."

Marshall University undergraduate students will virtually assist in coaching the winning high school team at the state level to help them prepare for the national tournament, which will take place May 19-20 at Wichita State University in Kansas. Some of the student coaches from Marshall are from previous winning Science Olympiad teams from West Virginia who have competed themselves at the national level. They'll help high schoolers prepare for 23 events ranging from cell biology to the physics of projectile motion.

Sachiko McBride is also the faculty advisor to the Science Olympiad student organization and will serve as a mentor, along with Dr. Sean P. McBride, who is an assistant professor in the physics program and serves as the faculty advisor to Marshall's chapter of the Society of Physics Students and co-state director for the West Virginia Science Olympiad. They both will work with the student coaches to help schedule time slots when the undergraduate coaches and high school students can meet virtually and assist coaches in effectively coaching the winning team virtually.

"I am continually impressed seeing how our student organizations are eager to come together to help support the winning West Virginia Science Olympiad team and help them succeed at the national level. Such efforts will hopefully result in enhanced performance in national ranking for the state of West Virginia," said Sean McBride.

This opportunity for Science Olympiad coaching was made possible by the NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium, Grant # #80NSSC20M0055. Please email <u>ScienceOlympiad@marshall.edu</u> for more information about participating in the science olympiad in future years. Registration typically opens in October of the previous year.

### Board of Governors meets in regular session

MARCH 1, 2023



The Marshall University Board of Governors, meeting Feb. 22 for its regularly scheduled session, received informational reports on academics, finance and athletics, including a capital project update on Marshall's baseball stadium and a new multi-million-dollar financial push for athletics updates called the "All M."

Athletics Director Christian Spears reported that progress on the baseball field is on target and the field is expected to be ready by the 2024 baseball season. He also noted the near completion of other updates like the Gullickson/Pathway

Project and Gullickson Hall. Following executive session, the board approved a resolution naming the Gullickson Hall Gymnasium as the "The Scaggs Family Practice Facility" and the court as the "Neal and Jo Ann Scaggs Court" in honor of the Scaggs family from Logan, West Virginia, for their charitable commitment to assist with the updates to Gullickson Hall.

In his report to the board, President Brad Smith discussed his first 13 months in office noting five areas that have seen terrific momentum including strategic enrollment initiatives, legislative and economic development, and athletics, as well as efforts to break down silos and operate as one Marshall.

"If your first name is Marshall ... then we are all on the same team," Smith said.

Smith also mentioned "no-regret decisions" as a high-performance area. He referenced a 2022 gender and pay equity study that showed no systemic deficits, although about 80 employees were identified as outliers and had their salaries adjusted. The gender and pay equity study is expected to be repeated every two years.

The president also noted that the university must continue to improve its student enrollment, fiscal performance, transparency, Title IX program and its ability as an institution to proceed with speed and agility.

The next regular board of governors meeting is scheduled for April 26. The board agenda and other pertinent information are available at <u>www.marshall.edu/board</u>.



### Join the MU Counseling Center at these events!

#### EVENTS:

Monday, 2/27 Information and giveaways MSC | 11:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday, 3/1 Minority Mental Health Panel Lunch and Learn MSC, Shawkey Dining Room 12:00-1:30pm Keynote Speaker: Alumnus Jonathan D. Austin, CPA

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Tuesday, 2/28 Information and giveaways MSC | 11:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, 3/2 Barbershop Chat Legendary Cutz (1208 4th Ave.) 2:00-4:00pm Co-sponsored with Fairfield Community Development Corporation

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## MARSHALL UNIVERSITY Women's History Month 2023

*Kick-Off Reception* Wed., March 1 • 3-5pm Drinko Library Atrium

Calendar of events for Women's History Month will be announced

- Refreshments will be served
- Free and open to the public

Sponsored by: The Women's and Gender Center For more information, email: Blair Bocook | bocook7@marshall.edu अर्थ जे विर्णे विर्णे



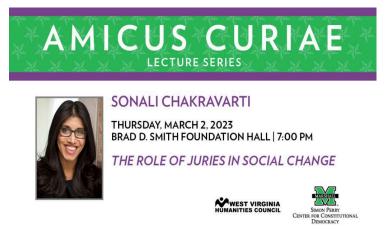


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## Amicus Curiae lecture series continues with Sonali Chakravarti

MARCH 1, 2023



Marshall 's Amicus Curiae Lecture Series on Constitutional Democracy continues Thursday, March 2, at 7 p.m. in the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall, with a lecture by Sonali Chakravarti. Chakravarti is a professor of government at Wesleyan University.

Chakravarti's lecture, titled "The Role of Juries in Social Change," will focus on criminal trials and the citizens who act as jurors and how

they can play a critical role in the evolution of political and legal norms. She contends that while

verdicts are often dismissed as isolated incidents, jury decisions can point to a future set of legal norms that might be adopted as a result of the jury's actions.

"Sonali Chakravarti's work is fascinating and timely, as the courts are often the forum in which controversial and complicated issues are being decided," said Patricia Proctor, director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, which sponsors the Amicus Curiae Lecture Series. "She points to times that jurors' decisions can lead and have led to significant change, and uses well-known and notable cases to illustrate her point."

Chakravarti will analyze involving the Black Panthers in New Haven in 1970, and Derek Chauvin in Minneapolis in 2021 to explain how jury trials play a critical role in educating the public about vexing and difficult issues and in shaping the legal system both inside and outside the courtroom.

Chakravarti is the author of two books, *Radical Enfranchisement in the Jury Room and Public Life*, and *Sing the Rage: Listening to Anger After Mass Violence*. She also writes for popular media including *The Atlantic and* the *Guardian* and has authored many peer-reviewed articles in publications including *Political Theory* and the *Journal of Law, Culture and the Humanities*.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Swarthmore College and her Ph.D. from Yale University and has taught in Wesleyan's Government Department and College of Social Studies since 2009.

The lecture is sponsored by <u>Marshall's Simon Perry Center for Constitutional</u> <u>Democracy</u> with support from the West Virginia Humanities Council, and is free and open to the public.

## **GERMAN MEET & EAT**

#### Interested in German language and culture?

Meet other German speakers and learners to connect and converse in German (or English)! This is a casual German conversation group open to students & residents. No age limit or skill level necessary.

#### All are welcome!



When? Friday, March 3, 2023 @ 6 pm Where? Black Sheep Burrito & Brews @Pullman Square 279 9th St, Huntington, WV 25701

For more information contact: Anke D. McCown, email: duerrmccown@marshall.edu

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## **Regional Reels film festival to celebrate local interests and local filmmakers at the Keith-Albee**

#### MARCH 1, 2023

The Marshall Artists Series will host a one-day film festival, REGIONAL REELS, at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center on Saturday, March 4. Sponsored by Encova, REGIONAL REELS is a 3-film festival highlighting local filmmakers and local interests. Audience members will also have the opportunity to discuss each film with the filmmakers during post-film discussions.

Films included in the festival are *Peerless City*, *Picture Proof* and *The Wake Up Call*. Due to unforeseen post-production delays, the previously announced screening of *The Good Fight* has been canceled.

*Peerless City* – Portsmouth, Ohio, was once promoted as the "peerless city," brimming with industry. People came for opportunity, since it was built on the banks of the Ohio River. Since then, the city has weathered problems and changed slogans. This film explores how Portsmouth's regional and community identity has evolved along with the city's slogans. The central question of the documentary is "What role do these slogans play in constructing the identity (and therefore the narrative) of the place?"

*Peerless City* screens at 12:30 p.m. | 1 hr. 17 min. | Filmmaker Amanda Page will lead the post-film discussion.

*Picture Proof – Picture Proof* is a documentary that examines the intergenerational impact of addiction by chronicling the love, labor, loss and uncertainty of one woman's struggle to live a life of sobriety. Weaving together moments of glee, fulfillment, acceptance, sorrow, and disappointment, the film takes an intimate look at the bonds that hold one family together and a disease that threaten to tear them apart.

*Picture Proof* screens at 2:30 p.m. | 1 hr. 50 min. | Filmmakers Tijah Bumgarner, Jena Seiler and film participant Debi Ellis Page will lead the post-film discussion.

*The Wake Up Call* – Cabin Creek, West Virginia, native Dave Evans was a renowned prosthetist, humanitarian and peace activist. At age 18, Dave lost both legs below the knees during the Vietnam War. He dedicated his post-military career to fitting thousands of people with artificial legs, arms, and hands in conflict zones across the world. He was committed to transforming lives shattered by these seemingly never-ending, interchangeable wars. Evans passed away at age 68 in Guatemala in 2020.

*The Wake Up Call* screens at 5:30 p.m. | 1hr. 10 min.| Filmmakers Alison Gilkey and Eric Neudel will lead the post-film discussion.

Tickets for individual films are NOT sold in advance, but will be available for purchase beginning at noon at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center. Tickets for Regional Reels are \$10.00 per film and free to full-time Marshall students with a valid student ID. To view movie trailers and to download the film schedule, visit <u>www.marshallartisseries.org</u>. Additional sponsors include iHeart Radio, WSAZ and The Herald Dispatch.

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## **Dr. Paulette Wehner named to 2023 West Virginia Executive Health Care Hall of Fame**

MARCH 1, 2023



Paulette Wehner, M.D., vice dean of graduate medical education at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, was one of 10 individuals named to the 2023 *West Virginia Executive* magazine's Health Care Hall of Fame. Wehner, a professor and practicing cardiologist with Marshall Health, has led the School of Medicine in the tremendous growth of its residency and fellowship programs since her appointment as vice dean in 2016.

Read more of **Dr. Wehner's story** in *WV Executive*.

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## Marshall to host series of events in recognition of AIDS/HIV and Addiction Awareness Week

#### MARCH 1, 2023



Marshall University will be hosting a variety of activities on its Huntington campus in recognition of AIDS/HIVand Addiction Awareness Week March 6-10, including a memorial, a panel discussion, a resource fair and a documentary screening – all of which are free and open to the public.

Members of the university and surrounding communities are invited to help participate in the memorial to remember those lost to HIV/AIDS and addiction. The memorial will be displayed in Drinko Library the week beginning Monday, March 6. Marshall employees and students, as well as community members, are invited to bring special items or pictures of loved ones to be displayed in the memorial space. Items can be brought to Drinko Circulation between 2 and 8 p.m.

An HIV/AIDS and addiction panel discussion is planned for 3 - 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 6, in Room 402 of Drinko Library. The panelists include Marshall faculty members Dr. Allison Carey, Dr. Margaret Sullivan, Dr. Cody Lumpkin, and Tijah Bumgarner.

A public screening of the documentary "How to Survive a Plague," by David France, will be presented at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, in Room 154 of Smith Hall.

An HIV/AIDS and Addiction Resource Fair is planned for 12-14 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, in the Drinko Library lobby. It will include HIV screenings; a "Be the One Ally" training at 10 a.m.; Naloxone training at 1 p.m.; and a SMART RxUniversity training at 2 p.m. in Drinko Library Room 138.

"After years of living in pandemic conditions due to COVID-19, many people were unable to find regular testing. Knowing that the average age of HIV infection happens between the ages of 13-24, the college population is a great place to start encouraging regular testing, using PrEP, and taking other preventive measures, such as using protection and clean needles," said Meghan Sexton-Harness of Marshall Libraries. "We chose to tie addiction into AIDS Awareness Week because it is such a large problem in this area. Kanawha County is currently experiencing the most alarming HIV outbreak in the country, according to the CDC. As a neighbor to Kanawha, we want to get ahead of the wave before it hits in order to save lives."

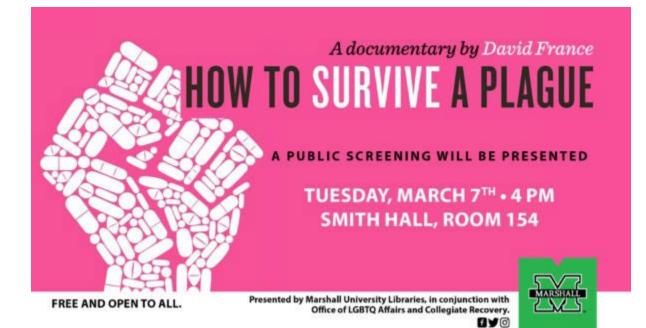
All of these events are free and open to all and sponsored by Marshall University Libraries in conjunction with Collegiate Recovery and the LGBTQ+ Office.



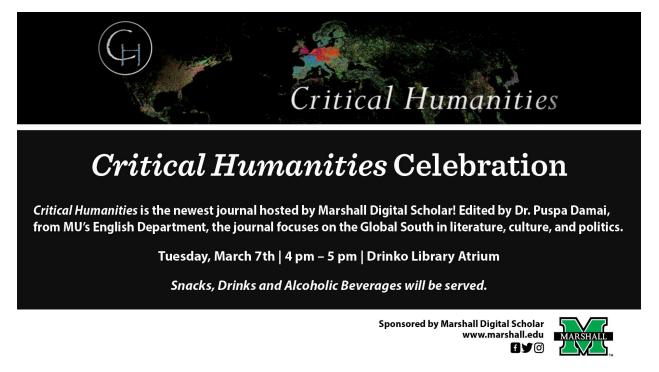
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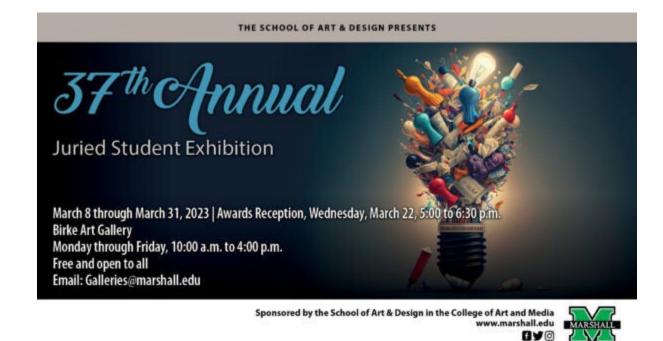
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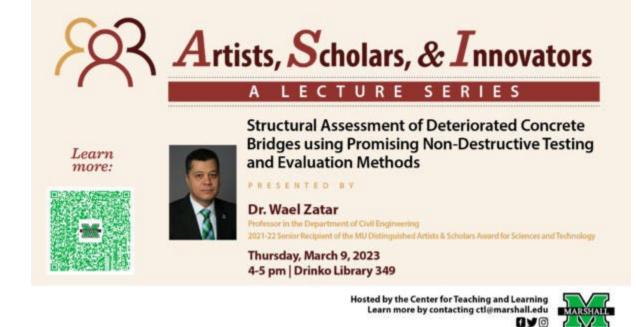
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For more information, contact Jennifer Brown at 304-696-2370 or career@marshall.edu







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## Shah family funds new scholarship for Marshall medical students

MARCH 1, 2023



Dr. Darshana and Mr. Tushar Shah (left) have called West Virginia home for nearly 40 years. As alumni, engaged citizens and community leaders, the Shahs are now giving back by endowing a scholarship to support future medical students from West Virginia at the Joan. C. Edwards School of Medicine.

Darshana Shah, Ph.D., is a professor of pathology and associate dean of faculty advancement for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, where she has served as a faculty member since 1995. She received her Ph.D. in Biomedical Science from West Virginia

University and completed her postdoctoral work at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. She serves as the founding editor-in-chief of the *Marshall Journal of Medicine*, West Virginia's first online open access, peer-viewed academic journal, founded in 2015. Through her various roles, Darshana Shah champions, at both the local and national levels, faculty development, mentorship and the team science approach for medical school faculty.

Tushar Shah has 37 years of progressive experience in management, marketing, measurement, automation, and remote monitoring/control. He is the senior director of business development for Eagle Research Corporation. He received an Executive M.B.A. from Marshall University and a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology.

The Shahs have two daughters. Preeya Shah-Adkins, M.D., is a 2020 graduate of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, where she was president of her class. She is pursuing a career in dermatology and completing her residency at the University of Virginia. Anika Shah is a 2020 graduate of the University of Michigan and holds a master's degree in architecture. She is currently working in Detroit as design engineer.

"Both Tushar and I want to pay our blessings forward and support deserving medical students," Darshana Shah said. "We are proud graduates of Marshall University, and I have had the privilege of being a School of Medicine faculty member since 1995. Our support is a small way we can give back for all we have received."

The *Darshana and Tushar Shah Scholarship* is designated for an entering first-year medical student from West Virginia and is renewable for up to three additional years pending normal academic progress.

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 <u>holmes@marshall.edu</u>. For news and information about the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, follow us on Twitter <u>@MUSOMWV</u>, like us on <u>Facebook</u>, or visit <u>jcesom.marshall.edu</u>.

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## Marshall to offer master's degree in engineering management in 100% online format in Fall 2023

MARCH 1, 2023

Engineering professionals and graduates who want to pursue a master's degree in engineering management will have a new option at Marshall — with completely flexible scheduling — beginning in August.

The College of Engineering and Computer Sciences plans to transition its M.S. in Engineering Management degree program to a 100% online program beginning in the fall semester. The program will be conducted asynchronously, allowing more scheduling flexibility for individuals with full-time schedules looking to advance professionally.

For those with an engineering background, this master's degree is broadly recognized as a way to hone management skills in the field and move into management and leadership positions, said Dr. Ammar Alzarrad, director of Marshall's engineering management program. And , he added, Marshall is an excellent choice to earn the degree and prepare for addressing the ever-changing challenges that await in the field.

"Our faculty have great industry experience, and all have some type of professional certification, such as Certified Professional in Engineering Management (CPEM) and Project Management Professional (PMP)," Alzarrad said. "We have a small class size of 10-15 students, which helps our faculty focus on each student."

Marshall's <u>M.S. in Engineering Management</u> program is an interdisciplinary engineering program designed for engineers employed in industry, government and consulting, as well as those pursuing a traditional research-based graduate degree. Students will be trained in project management principles and tools; the fundamental principles of teamwork and effectively working with people in engineering situations; operations management; how to evaluate a company's financial status; effective communication; and the professional, ethical, and legal responsibilities related to the field; among other skills and concepts.

"Our program uses hands-on applications and real-life projects to teach students and prepare them for the industry," Alzarrad said. "We have great connections with engineering companies in the Tri-State area, which help our local students advance their professional careers."

Marshall graduate student Huma Kazmi, who is currently enrolled in the M.S. in Engineering Management program, said she chose Marshall not only because the university was tremendously helpful throughout the process of applying as an international student, but the program is perfect for helping her achieve her goals.

"As an aspiring engineering project manager, I want to bridge the gap between industrial design and the supply chain. I aim to focus on procuring goods at the lowest cost and analyzing the product design," she said. "Most M.B.A. programs are not specific to a particular industry. The engineering management program at Marshall provides an opportunity to learn financial modeling, and within an engineering context. This degree can help me obtain employment in leadership in an engineering or technology company by diversifying my skill sets."

To learn more about the M.S. in Engineering Management program, contact Alzarrad by e-mail at <u>alzarrad@marshall.edu</u> or by phone at 304-696-5705.

## AppsAnywhere allows access to software from any device

#### MARCH 1, 2023



Software streaming service AppsAnywhere combines Marshall's vision with the 21stcentury student's expectations – access to any app on any device, at any time from anywhere. This service transforms the technology and learning experience and allows the university to take advantage of a true BYOD (bring your own device) mindset.

This unique service allows users to access software from their own devices as well as campus computers, while reducing the

operating costs and maintenance associated with traditional solutions. AppsAnywhere is easy to use, is web-based and provides access to the software applications required for courses without the need to download or purchase them. AppsAnywhere works with Windows, MacOS, iOS, iPadOS and Android.

With AppsAnywhere, Information Technology can offer a wider range of software across the university and even on personal devices. Software will no longer be constrained to specific labs or classrooms.

"AppsAnywhere is a powerful tool that can be tremendously beneficial to university students," Jody Perry, Marshall's Information Technology senior director of client services, said. "Imagine being a commuter student who drives 45 minutes to campus just to complete a minor task using a piece of software only available in a campus computer lab."

"If faculty members want to utilize a particular piece of software, we can help," said Perry. "We're adding additional software titles to the library all the time. Contact the IT department, and we can assist with installing any properly licensed software."

First-time users can learn more and follow the getting started guide available at <u>www.marshall.edu/it/appsanywhere</u> or go directly to <u>appsanywhere.marshall.edu</u> to use the service.



## Five Marshall students awarded Gilman Scholarships

#### MARCH 1, 2023

Five Marshall students have won the U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship to study abroad. Gilman Scholars receive up to \$5,000 to apply towards their study abroad or internship program cost with additional funding available for the study of a critical language overseas.

Cynthia Collins, Chandreonia Harris, Juliana Hernandez, Leanasha Jones and Walker Tatum are among the nearly 1,500 outstanding and diverse U.S. undergraduate students across the country who were awarded the scholarship in December.

Tatum has already utilized his scholarship funds to complete an intensive 10-day winter program in Italy over Marshall's winter break. He learned about the chemical components of art and art preservation in Florence and Rome as part of a faculty-led program taught by a Marshall chemistry professor, Dr. Rosalynn Quinones-Fernandez, through KIIS, the Kentucky Institute for International Studies.

"It was a rigorous program, but a good balance of learning and fun," Tatum said.

Collins, Harris, and Jones will also be going abroad through KIIS programs. Collins will be going to Argentina this spring on a program led by Marshall faculty member Dr. Shawn Schulenberg. Harris and Jones will visit both Japan and Korea during their summer Japan-Korea Pop program led by Dr. Zelideth Rivas, Marshall University's assistant provost for global education and a professor in the Department of Modern Languages.

Hernandez will be participating in a foreign language exchange program for a full academic year at Kansai Gaidai University in Japan, which made her eligible to apply for and win the Critical Need Language Award as a supplement to her Gilman Scholarship.

The Gilman program broadens the student population that studies and interns abroad by supporting undergraduates who might not otherwise participate due to financial constraints. Since 2001, more than 38,000 Gilman Scholarships have been awarded, with 60% of those scholars coming from small towns or rural communities, 70% identifying as racial or ethnic minorities and 100% demonstrating financial need.

The Gilman program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and is supported in its implementation by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

For more information about the Gilman scholarship,

visit <u>https://www.gilmanscholarship.org</u> or contact Heather Smith, program manager of the Office of National Scholarships at Marshall, by phone at 304-696-2475 or by e-mail at <u>ons@marshall.edu</u>.

## Dr. Adam Young named February Resident of the Month

#### MARCH 1, 2023



Adam Young, M.D., has been named the February Resident of the Month for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, announced Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean of graduate medical education.

Young is finishing his fourth and final year of the <u>OB-GYN residency at the Joan C. Edwards School of</u> <u>Medicine</u>. The Greenville, South Carolina, native obtained his M.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine-Greenville. Before attending medical school, Young enlisted in the Army and served on active duty for more than a decade.

Nominated by Joseph DeRosa, M.D., Valley Health OB-GYN, Young was praised for his outstanding service and willingness to go above and beyond to help his patients and peers.

"Dr. Young has proven to be a major asset to me while I'm on call," DeRosa said. "He fills in regularly when other residents are not able to help and always performs above expectations. My patients know him and ask for him by name when they go to triage. He is a caring, compassionate and loyal physician – truly an all-star resident."

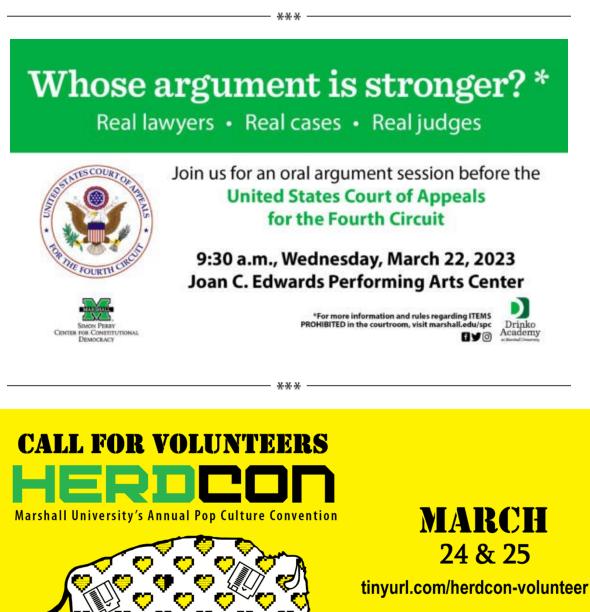
"Dr. Young is passionate about women's health and is first and foremost a patient advocate," said Kevin Conaway, M.D., Marshall Health OB-GYN and professor and director of the OB-GYN residency program at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. "He relates well to patients and is a valuable asset to our department especially when caring for families dealing with perinatal losses."

"One of the most challenging tasks we have as medical educators is to teach our trainees how to share and connect with our patients' emotions during their most vulnerable time," Wehner said. "Dr. Young is one who obviously has compassion and empathy as innate character traits. It is truly a pleasure to recognize him."

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

After completing his training in June 2023, Young will move to Lynchburg, Virginia, where he will enter private practice. He and his wife, Sonja, have three children: Sebastian, Loreley and Theodor.

*Photo:* February Resident of the Month Adam Young, M.D. (left), is pictured with Kevin Conaway, M.D., Marshall Health OB-GYN and professor and director of the OB-GYN residency program at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.



Join us for a 4-hour shift and get a free shirt!



## HerdCon organizers seek volunteers

#### MARCH 1, 2023

Organizers of HerdCon, Marshall University's annual pop culture convention, invite all Marshall faculty, staff, and students to participate in the fun **Friday and Saturday, March 24-25**, in the Memorial Student Center and campus plaza. Volunteers are needed to pull off an event with 1,500+ attendees and participants. Volunteer and work a 4-hour shift to receive a free HerdCon shirt! We can also sign for community service hour requirements for K12 and MU groups.

#### Volunteer registration: https://tinyurl.com/herdcon-volunteer

The 2023 festivities have expanded to two days and will include some new features such as a Mothman story walk, young adult authors, a downtown trivia crawl, and Anime video and movie screenings.

HerdCon is also thrilled to announce our special guests, Justin and Dr. Sydnee McElroy of the internationally known *Sawbones* podcast, who will be kicking off this year's **HerdCon** with a live version of their show "*Sawbones: A Marital Tour of Misguided Medicine*" at 1 p.m. Friday, March 24, in the Memorial Student Center room BE5. Seats will be limited, so snag your free ticket soon on the library's HerdCon site: <u>https://www.marshall.edu/herdcon/</u>.

The second annual <u>HerdCon Song Along</u> costume and talent show will also take place on Friday starting at 6:30 p.m. on the Memorial Student Center plaza. On Saturday, convention doors open at 10 a.m.

HerdCon is geared toward current and prospective students but open to the entire community. Admission is free to everyone and will include vendors, artists, academic panels, cosplayers, gamers, musicians, food trucks, a live WMUL remote, guest speakers and more. HerdCon is also honored to feature internationally known Cosplayer-in-Residence, Alicia Renae Lewis, from *Kiss a Frog Cosplay*, @missliciarenae.

Track the HerdCon Facebook page and social media for the 2023 schedule of events, list of vendors, artists, guests and Sawbones tickets: <u>www.facebook.com/herdcon/</u> or @HerdConWV

Interested in becoming a sponsor for #HerdCon2023? We appreciate support at any level: <u>tinyurl.com/herdcon-sponsor.</u>



### Honors Faculty Fellow proposals for 2023-2024 due May 15

MARCH 1, 2023



The Honors College at Marshall University serves the entire university as we have majors in all academic programs. We depend on collaborating with faculty and their academic departments in every college at Marshall. That is our most valuable resource—these partnerships. Without healthy relationships of mutual understanding and support, we cannot achieve our mission and will not deliver on our promises to students. To recognize and support faculty who make a special commitment to the mission of honors education at Marshall, the Honors College developed an Honors Faculty Fellows program.

We will have single academic-year appointments as a cohort of fellows with potential for individual faculty renewal. Honors Faculty Fellows can apply for funding (currently up to \$2000) from the Honors College to support activities related to their appointment. Faculty projects can include course development for the college, curricular or co-curricular experiential learning opportunities for honors students, or something entirely different from anything we've had before. We're a hub of innovation—so we're open to your hopes and dreams! Informed by our core mission, the college enthusiastically joined the university's Higher Learning Commission Quality Initiative. Through this re-accreditation initiative, Marshall has set our course to become a more flexible, stronger, and inclusive college through recruitment, admission, support, and retention of an increasingly diverse student population. Information on the HLC Quality Initiative is included here to help inspire faculty seeking to join our inaugural cohort to plan for activities that would contribute to the theme of "Building a Stronger and More Inclusive Marshall Community." As part of our Higher Learning Commission accreditation process, Marshall University embarked on this initiative in Fall 2022. An array of projects intended to promote a strong and inclusive community at Marshall engages the campus for the defined years of the initiative and beyond. Successful Honors Faculty Fellow applicants will effectively discuss how their project aligns with the goals of this institutional initiative: https://www.marshall.edu/hlc-qi/hlc-qi-goals/.

The deadline for Honors Faculty Fellow proposals is May 15th 2023, for a 2023-2024 academic appointment. Please see our website at https://www.marshall.edu/honors/fellows/ for details and our proposal submission link.

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# We are planning ahead for Community Cares Week 2023

and we want you to plan ahead, too. Mark your calendar and

• work together with other students, staff, alumni and

#### #MarshallUFamily #CommunityCaresWeek

\*Registration information and project details coming soon

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed March 8, 2023. Please send items for consideration to <u>WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu</u> by 5 p.m. Monday, March 6, 2023.

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