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WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University
Faculty and Staff

April 19, 2023

Marshall opens first commercial composting facility in West Virginia

APRIL 19, 2023



Marshall officially opened the first commercial composting facility in the state of West Virginia with a ribbon cutting ceremony last Friday. The addition of the new facility also sets Marshall apart as the only university in the world with this level of technology.

The facility uses an XACT Systems BioReactor, which is a type of digester that offers an accelerated, automated and aerobic composting system. The composter boasts a rotating drum, with an advanced technological monitoring and control system that has the ability to overcome the challenge of

sustainable, responsible management of huge volumes of solid, organic waste. Aerobic digestion is a process that involves oxygen, allowing for digestion of the materials without the production of methane gas. Since the drum removes environmental factors that can slow the composting process, it can turn organic material into compost in as little as six days.

The composting facility is designed and operated by the university's sustainability department, led by Amy Parsons-White. She says the digester will have a large environmental impact.

“The digester will remove approximately 750 tons of waste from going to the landfill and 100 tons of methane production per year,” said Parsons-White. “When accounting for the additional courses and workshops through the university, the workforce development and the potential for the model to be implemented across the state, the positive impacts are enormous.”

The digester has the capacity to compost eight tons of organic waste per day. Organic waste consists of food waste, lawn waste, white office paper and cardboard. In addition, the

university's carbon footprint will be lowered by reducing waste haul to landfills and thousands of dollars will be saved each year in waste haul fees.

The entire composting facility project took four years from start to finish, with Parsons-White working extensively in the beginning of planning stages by collaborating with state legislators to draft bills that would change laws on postconsumer food waste.

"I am so excited to see the compost facility up and running and cannot wait to be able to share the facility with the community," said Parsons-White. "We hope the Marshall Compost Facility will be the first of many across West Virginia."

Parsons-White says compost can be a very lucrative way of handling waste, extending the life of landfills and developing a sustainable source of employment in the state.

"Compost is a highly desirable product," said Parsons-White. "I am thrilled that Marshall University and the state of West Virginia is a leader in bringing this technology to the eastern United States."

In addition to the digester, the compost facility also houses a worm bin, which contains more than 50,000 red wiggler worms that are capable of composting another three tons of waste each day.

Other offerings from the compost facility, including sought-after worm castings called "Herd Dirt" and compost tea, will soon be available for purchase at some area farmer's markets.

Parsons-White says the facility has garnered attention of others around the world who want to implement similar composting structures. A few of those who have reached out to her were in attendance at the ribbon cutting.

"We have people coming from all over the world," said Parsons-White before the event. "From Tanzania, from Canada and also from throughout the United States, because they want to model their compost facilities off of what we're doing here. We've also been contacted by Duke University, Virginia Tech, the University of Virginia, Arizona State University and McMaster University in Ontario because they want to model their sustainability departments off of us here at Marshall."

Speakers at the event included Marshall University President Brad D. Smith, West Virginia Del. Sean Hornbuckle, West Virginia State Sen. Bob Plymale and congressional representatives for U.S. Rep. Carol Miller, U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin and U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito.

More photos from the ribbon cutting will be available by Friday evening by visiting bit.ly/MUCompostFacility.

To learn more about the sustainability department at Marshall, visit www.marshall.edu/sustainability.

Photo: Del. Sean Hornbuckle, President Smith, Amy Parsons-White and Sen. Robert Plymale celebrate the opening of the the first commercial composting facility in the state of West Virginia.

New Drinko Fellow named at Marshall University

APRIL 19, 2023



Dr. Luke Eric Lassiter (pictured), a professor of humanities and anthropology and director of the graduate humanities program at Marshall University, has been named the 28th Distinguished John Deaver Drinko Academy Fellow.

The award is one of the university's highest recognitions for faculty and includes a stipend, re-assigned time from teaching, and other financial and clerical support for two academic years to undertake research, special projects, or other scholarly pursuits.

The announcement of Lassiter's appointment was made by the academy's executive director, Dr. Montserrat Miller, during the academy's annual dinner Saturday evening.

"It is truly an honor to welcome Dr. Luke Eric Lassiter to the ranks of Marshall University's Distinguished Drinko Fellows," Miller said. "In addition to being an exceptional faculty member, with incredible mastery of experiential learning and community engagement, Dr. Lassiter is a prolific scholar with a national and international consulting profile."

Lassiter has been with Marshall University since 2005. He received his doctorate in anthropology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and taught at Ball State University in Indiana prior to joining Marshall.

Among his many awards and recognitions, Lassiter is a [2019 Weatherford Award](#) winner, along with colleagues Dr. Elizabeth Campbell and Dr. Brian Hoey, for "I'm Afraid of that Water: A Collaborative Ethnography on a West Virginia Water Crisis." He is a busy researcher, collaborator and lecturer.

Lassiter was recently named president of the Historic Glenwood Foundation and has served since 2014 as co-director of the Glenwood Center for Scholarship in the Humanities.

Saturday's dinner also featured a presentation by Sandra Reed, the 26th Drinko Fellow and a professor of art. Reed's award-winning paintings are held in numerous collections in the LaGrange Museum of Art, the Telfair Academy and the United States Navy Memorial.

Please visit [here](#) for more information on Reed and her work with the Drinko Academy.

Capener named new dean for the Lewis College of Business

APRIL 19, 2023



Dr. Don Capener will assume the deanship of the Lewis College of Business, effective July 3.

Capener has served at the highest levels of university administration for twenty years, including as vice president at Monmouth College in Illinois, dean at both Jacksonville and Utah Valley universities, and as associate provost and graduate director at Utah Valley University (UVU).

After serving for seven years as the dean of business at Jacksonville University (JU) in Florida, where he started the doctoral program in business and master's in business analytics, Capener accepted an assignment as associate provost and graduate director of business at Utah Valley. He now leads all UVU professional education and is the lead administrator at the Heber and Lehi campuses for the school. He also started the tech management and health care M.B.A. programs at UVU. At Monmouth, Capener was the chief marketing officer and the architect of the new general education program and international business major.

Capener is an active volunteer leader for AACSB, having led peer-review teams in China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Japan and nine U.S.-based business schools. He successfully led UVU's Woodbury School of Business through AACSB re-accreditation in June 2022.

Capener earned his Ph.D. in International Business, an M.B.A. in marketing, and a bachelor's degree in political science and economics. In industry, Capener distinguished himself at international companies such as Leo Burnett. He also founded several companies including his own successful San Diego-based marketing agency and Above the Rim Hoopwear, and as a C-suite level executive with Nacentives and Chang Industrial.

HERD HOME SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APR 18

SOFTBALL VS ALABAMA, 3:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, APR 19

BASEBALL VS ECU, 3:00 P.M.

AUTISM AWARENESS GAME

FRI-SUN, APR 21-23

SOFTBALL VS JMU, 1PM/1PM/12PM

FRI-ALUMNI WEEKEND, SAT-EMILEIGH COOPER DAY/SIGNING SATURDAY, SUN-FUN RUN SUNDAY

FRI-SUN, APR 21-23

BASEBALL VS GA SOUTHERN, 3PM/1PM/1PM

FRI-GREEK DAY, SAT-ALUMNI DAY/SIGNING SAT., SUN-FACULTY & STAFF APPRECIATION/KIDS DAY





*Faculty and Staff
Appreciation*

**Join us at Route 2 on Sunday, April 23rd at
1pm as we acknowledge the Marshall
Faculty and Staff members for all they do
for our university.**

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Classified Staff Council to hold 2023 general election

APRIL 18, 2023

As mandated by H.B. 2224, the Classified Staff Council will hold an election to select no more than five representatives from each of the University's five EEO groups, the Staff Council Chair, the Institutional Board of Governors (IBOG) Representative, and the Advisory Council of Classified Employees (ACCE) Representative. Elected candidates will serve from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2025.

Online voting will be available from Thursday, April 20, through Monday, April 24. More information will be sent on the voting process.

The following employees have been nominated:

2023 General Election Nominees

Chair

Tony Waugh – Physical Plant

BOG

Carol Hurula – Academic Affairs

Lacie Bittinger – Lewis College of Business

ACCE

Teresa Meddings – Business Services Support

Justin Tyler – Physical Plant

Johnny Bradley – Library

EEO 10

Lacie Bittinger – Lewis College of Business

Teresa Meddings – Business Services Support

Becky Lusher – Facilities Planning and Management

Carol Hurula – Academic Affairs

Anita Mathis – Biomedical Sciences

EEO 30

Lisa Ransbottom – Biological Sciences

Carleen O'Neill – Graduate Studies

Anna Evans – Financial Aid

Crystal Brooks – School of Medicine

Rob Williamson – IT

EEO 40

Nina Barrett – Accounts Payable
Beretta Coleman – Student Support Services
Jesse Baldwin – Accounts Payable
Lisa Maynard – School of Medicine

EEO 50

Terri Thompson – College of Education and Professional Development
Amy Weaver – Sociology/Anthropology
Samantha Holiskey – School of Kinesiology

EEO 60/70

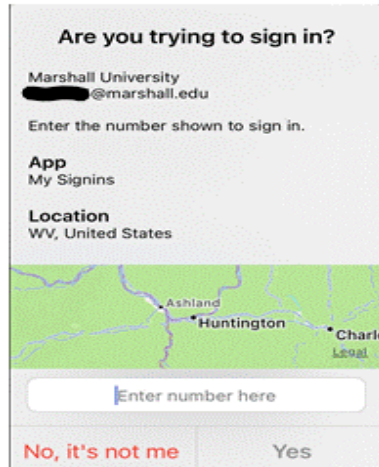
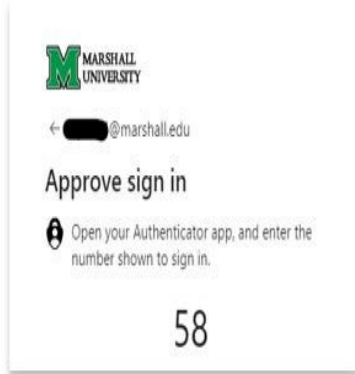
Tim Cline – Physical Plant
Justin Tyler – Physical Plant
Nick Martin – Public Safety
Larry Morris – Public Safety

Questions? Contact Nina Barrett, Election Committee Chair, at barrett@marshall.edu or x62216; or the Staff Council Office by means of Katie Counts at easter@marshall.edu or x62222.

IT Update: Microsoft Authenticator App to add Number Matching

APRIL 11, 2023

Microsoft announced the default notification method for their multi-factor authentication (MFA) app, Microsoft Authenticator, will change from a push-to-approve model to a number-matching model. Designed to reduce bad actor MFA fatigue attacks on end users, the number matching system cannot be abused like its predecessor. On **Monday, May 1**, Marshall University Information Technology will push this update to university users.



When attempting log on to an Office 365 resource, users will be presented with a number on the screen (Figure I); the MFA notification is where the user will enter the number (Figure II). The notification will display the username, which application is being used, and the general location. With this information a user should easily be able to tell if the MFA prompt is legitimate or malicious. Keep in mind, the location can vary greatly if using a cellular device to log on to an MFA- protected resource.

With the addition of number matching, the Authenticator app will no longer work on Apple Watches. According to Microsoft, users who have used an Apple Watch with the Authenticator app in the past will need to authenticate on a different device.

If you do not currently use the Microsoft Authenticator App for MFA, this change does not apply and your current MFA method will continue to work.

If you need technical assistance, please contact the IT Service Desk via chat at www.marshall.edu/it, by phone at 304-696-3200 or e-mail itservicedesk@marshall.edu.

Limited Vision Awareness Hands-On Familiarity Training

hosted by Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind

Join us to learn:

- functional vision levels and their effect on daily living tasks
- what people with macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy or retinitis pigmentosa experience with the use of blindfolds or vision simulators
- details on aids and devices available to enhance independence

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH AT 2PM
DRINKO LIBRARY, ROOM 402**



GUEST SPEAKER:

Toni Walls

Executive Director | Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind

Office of Disability Services
www.marshall.edu



salon chat

WITH THE MU COUNSELING CENTER AND SOUTHSIDE WELLNESS

Join our discussion on women's wellness, mental health and self-care in a supportive and relaxing atmosphere!

April 19 • 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Southside Wellness Studio • 835 12th Street in Huntington

Giveaways and snacks provided.

Marshall students receive 5% off services



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AfterMath Lecture

The Department of Mathematics, Marshall University cordially invites you to a public lecture titled,

Bloom where you are Planted: A Mathematician's Journey

Delivered by

Dr. Bonita Lawrence

Professor of Mathematics, upon her retirement.

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

4:00 PM

Smith Hall, Room 154



www.marshall.edu



Join Marshall Libraries for a book club

WELL-READ AND UNDEAD

APRIL 19 | 5:00 P.M. | MICROSOFT TEAMS

Marshall's book club, Well-Read and Undead, will be collaborating with CONTACT Rape Crisis Center for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and will discuss *The Luckiest Girl Alive* by Jessica Knoll. (Triggers for sexual assault, drugs, and eating disorders)



Scan QR Code for
meeting invitation

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The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning+ Office Cordially Invites You To ...



Lavender Graduation

APRIL 19, 2023

5:00 p.m. • Joan C. Edwards Playhouse



Graduates interested in participating can sign up at:
www.marshall.edu/lgbtq/ or scan QR code.
Visit: The LGBTQ+ Office at East Hall Room 211
Deadline to register: April 17, 2023

Lavender Graduation is a ceremony that honors the achievements and contributions of our LGBTQ+ and Ally undergraduate and graduate students here at Marshall University.

For more information please contact Shaunte Polk at polk4@marshall.edu



Computer Science Symposium on Emerging Technologies to take place tomorrow morning

APRIL 18, 2023



Computer Science Symposium on Emerging Technologies (CSSET)

The Computer Science Symposium on Emerging Technologies (CSSET) aims at bringing the professors, researchers, and students together in the fields of computer science and information systems to disseminate original research results, and share new ideas and emerging technologies through practical development experience concentrating on both theory and practices. This event is also held to allow industry and government recruiters to reach out to computer science students at Marshall University for their hiring needs during busy seasons and to secure future talent with internships.

04.20.23
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SYMPOSIUM WEBSITE
<https://csset.github.io/csset2023/>

SYMPOSIUM CONTACT INFORMATION
Chair: Dr. Chowdhury, Email: chowdhuryt@marshall.edu
Secretary: Yusuf Adamu, Email: csset.marshall@gmail.com

PRESENTATION & POSTER SESSION:
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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and Computer Sciences



Marshall University will host the Computer Science Symposium on Emerging Technologies from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, April 20 at the Weisberg Applied Engineering Complex. The event brings together faculty members, researchers and students to share emerging technologies and new ideas in the fields of computer science, information

systems and cyber security. It's also an opportunity for industry and government recruiters to reach out to computer science and computer and information security students interested in internships.

For more information, visit <https://csset.github.io/csset2023/>.



The Center for African American Students
Cordially Invites You To...

Donning of the Kente Graduation Ceremony

April 20, 2023 | 5:00 p.m.
Joan C. Edwards Playhouse

The Donning of the Kente Ceremony celebrates a traditional rite of passage, consistent with 17th-century West Africa. Students receive their very own handwoven Kente cloth that will define and capture one of the most significant moments of their lives

Graduates interested in participating can sign up at:
<https://www.marshall.edu/caas/> or scan our QR Code.




Or visit
The Center for African American Students Office in
East Hall Room 215 | **Deadline to register: April 18, 2023**



For more information please contact Shaunte Polk at polk4@marshall.edu

Marshall to host 20th Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser April 21

APRIL 18, 2023




THE SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN PRESENTS
EMPTY BOWLS 2023
20TH ANNUAL POTTERY SALE FUNDRAISER

Proceeds go to the Facing Hunger Food Bank.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023 | 10 AM - 3 PM
Pullman Square Gazebo in downtown Huntington
\$20 per bowl. Each bowl provides 180 meals for the hungry.

Sponsored by the School of Art & Design in the College of Arts and Media, the Facing Hunger Foodbank and The Pottery Place.



The Marshall University School of Art and Design will host its 20th Annual Empty Bowls pottery sale fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 21, in the gazebo at Pullman Square in downtown Huntington.

Bowls crafted by Marshall art students will be sold for \$20 each, with proceeds going to the Facing Hunger Foodbank. Each bowl helps provide 180 meals to

those in need in the food bank's 17-county region. The Facing Hunger Foodbank organizes, packs, and distributes about 11 million pounds of food annually.

In its 20 years, the Empty Bowls fundraiser has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the food bank. The event was formerly held as a soup lunch-pottery sale fundraiser, but has been altered in the years since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is amazing to be in the 20th year for this event here in Huntington, West Virginia," said Ceramics Professor Frederick Bartolovic, the event organizer. "Empty Bowls allows students to very quickly understand how their art can make a difference to the local community.

"Our students work so hard to pull this event off, and they take so much pride in each and every creation they make. The community support behind this event is incredible and I am proud to showcase the works made by students in the School of Art & Design at Marshall University."

It continues to provide a direct link between the arts and the community, Bartolovic said. "Every year this event demonstrates the commitment of young artists and their desire to enrich the community in which they work," he said.

Facing Hunger Foodbank is honored to have this longstanding partnership with Marshall's School of Art & Design, said Samantha Adams, chief development officer at the Foodbank. "It aids us in our mission to serve the 130,000 souls at the center of our work, who live with food insecurity every day," she said.

Marshall student Hanna Davis participated in the event last year and is making bowls for the event again as part of the ART 446 Intermediate Pottery Class.

"I like Empty Bowls because it helps the community, it is very selfless and it helps get my art into people's homes," she said. "It is rewarding because of the feeling of being a part of something that is bigger than just my academic experience at Marshall."

This event is sponsored by the School of Art and Design in the College of Arts and Media, as well the Pottery Place.



COS Research Expo 2023



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

ROBERT RAMOTOWSKI

Forensic Science Research Program Manager
National Institute of Standards and Technology
Department of Commerce



THE HISTORY AND ROLE THE NIST PLAYS
NOT ONLY IN FORENSIC SCIENCE, BUT IN
METROLOGY OVERALL

Friday, April 21st
11:30am
Byrd Biotechnology
Science Center
BBSC 102



COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Research Expo 2023

April 21, 9am-11am



Our goal is to highlight the best student research in the college and allow their work to be presented to colleagues and peers across campus.

This year's event will be held on Friday, April 21st from 9am to 11am in the halls of the College of Science Building.

Students will present posters in disciplines including:
Biology, Chemistry, Forensic Science, Mathematics, and
Physics and more.

Questions? email: foresics@marshall.edu

The Last Lecture of
DR. WILLIAM G. PALMER

*Looking Back: Reflections on 39 Years
at Marshall University*

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023
1:00 PM • HARRIS HALL 134

Reception to follow.
Help us celebrate Dr. Palmer's career
and wish him well on his retirement.



Presented by the Department of History





**DELTA ZETA
PRESENTS**

Hot DogZ for Hearing

**4.21.23 from 8pm-12am
At the DZ house
(1695 6th Avenue)
\$5 for 2 hotdogs + drink
or
\$2 for 1 hotdog**



EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE AS AN AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Open House Saturday, April 22

You can prepare for an **exciting, well-paid career in aviation Maintenance Technology** through an associate degree program from Mountwest Community and Technical College and Marshall University. Meet our instructors and students, and see demonstrations of training, equipment and facilities from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Huntington Tri-State Airport campus. It's open to the public and all interested prospective students, and refreshments will be provided. **RSVP by e-mail to sponaug1@marshall.edu.**

9 a.m. Saturday, April 22

Register to win a drawing for a ride in a Marshall airplane!



AVIATION
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*The Commercial Pilot&S. and AMT A.A.S. programs
are noteligible for VA benefits at this time.*



Division of Aviation
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Prevention Empowerment Partnership to host Drug Take-Back Day Saturday

APRIL 19, 2023

The Prevention Empowerment Partnership (PEP), an initiative of the Center of Excellence for Recovery, housed within the Marshall University Research Corporation, will host the National Drug Take Back Day in partnership with the Huntington Police Department, Cabell County Sheriff's Department and Marshall University School of Pharmacy.

The National Drug Take-Back Day will take place on Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following locations: Walgreen's, 111 4th Avenue, Huntington; Drug Emporium, 3 East Mall Rd., Barboursville; Huntington Police Department, 675 10th St., Huntington; QRT office, 1133 20th St., Huntington.

The National Drug Take-Back Day aids in the prevention of medication abuse and theft by ridding homes of potentially dangerous medications that are expired, unused and unwanted. Sites cannot accept personal care items, needles or sharps, liquid injectables, illegal drugs, thermometers and other mercury items, hydrogen peroxide or inhalers. The service is free and anonymous; no questions are asked.

Last fall, Americans turned in 324 tons of prescription drugs at more than 4,902 sites operated by the DEA with 4,340 state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 22 previous Take Back events, the DEA and its partners have taken in over 16 million pounds of medication.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s National Survey on Drug Use and Health shows, year after year, that most misused and abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including someone else’s medication being stolen from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash — pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 22nd Take Back Day event, go to www.DEATakeBack.com or contact Angela Saunders, director of PEP, by phone at 304-552-3528.



Marshall University
SCHOOL OF MUSIC
presents
3RD AVENUE
MARSHALL'S CONTEMPORARY A CAPPELLA ENSEMBLE
SATURDAY, APRIL 22 | 7:30 P.M.
SMITH RECITAL HALL

3rd Ave.

MARSHALL

The event is free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the School of Music in the College of Arts and Media.
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Athletic training faculty member inducted into WVATA Hall of Fame

APRIL 18, 2023



Marshall Athletic Training faculty member Jenni Wheeler-Johnson has been honored by the West Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association as a Hall of Fame Inductee.

Wheeler-Johnson is the first female inducted into the prestigious group whose members have excelled at caring for athletes throughout the region.

The clinical coordinator joined the Marshall Athletic Training staff as an assistant professor/clinical coordinator in August 2019. She completed her undergraduate studies at West Virginia University with a degree in physical education/athletic training. In her time at WVU, she worked with the football, swimming & diving, men's tennis and gymnastics teams.

"I am humbled and extremely honored to receive this honor from the WVATA," Wheeler-Johnson said. "Many thanks go to the amazing mentors and co-workers I have had the privilege of collaborating with throughout the years. I could never have accomplished my professional goals without the love of my family, especially my daughters Alexa and Bethanny. Advocating for the profession of athletic training and student-athlete safety in West Virginia will continue to be my primary goal."

Prior to joining the faculty at Marshall, Wheeler-Johnson was employed as an associate head athletic trainer and faculty member in the Athletic Training Education program at the University of Charleston. Her primary roles outside of the classroom involved working with the baseball and women's soccer programs while providing secondary coverage of men's and women's tennis and men's and women's golf.

"It was a great weekend watching Jenni be recognized for all of her hard work and contributions she's made to the WVATA over the years," said Dr. Zach Garrett, program director for the athletic training program. "We are lucky to have her, and I believe everything's she achieved inspires our students to get involved and make the profession better."

She's a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), Mid-Athletic Trainers' Association (MAATA) and the West Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association.

Jenni Wheeler-Johnson was honored last month at the West Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association award dinner in Charleston. For more information on the West Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association, visit wvata.org.

Photo: Jenni Wheeler-Johnson (center), following her induction into the West Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame. Wheeler-Johnson is joined by Dr. Zach Garrett (right), program director for Marshall's Athletic Training program and WVATA President Tom Belmaggio (left.)

Marshall grads, State Farm agents announce alumni scholarship

APRIL 18, 2023

Five Marshall University graduates who live in the region and work as State Farm agents recently came together to establish the State Farm Agents' Alumni Scholarship.

The agents who made this scholarship possible are Rob Bowers of St. Albans, West Virginia; Brandon Huffman of Cross Lanes, West Virginia; Bill Mangus of Dunbar, West Virginia; Jeff Smith of Huntington; and George Swain of Williamson, West Virginia.

“We are all very proud of Marshall and individually contribute to the Marshall Foundation or the Big Green Foundation,” Smith said. “We do our part to give back to Marshall and the community.”

Recipients of this scholarship will be full-time undergraduate or graduate students in the Lewis College of Business and Brad D. Smith Schools of Business who are in good academic standing with a 3.0 GPA or higher and have financial need, per the standards of the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

“Given that all of us are self-employed entrepreneurs with business or marketing degrees, we felt it was important to focus our scholarship on the College of Business in an effort to support future entrepreneurs in the community,” Smith said.

For information regarding the State Farm Agents' Alumni Scholarship, please contact Marshall University's Office of Student Financial Assistance by phone at 304-696-3162

Psy.D. program celebrates 20th anniversary

APRIL 19, 2023

Students, alumni and faculty of the Doctor of Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) program at Marshall University celebrated its 20th anniversary this past Saturday.

The Psy.D. program is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). Dr. Keith Beard is the program director.

“I am in awe of the past and present students and the outstanding things that they have accomplished to help those with psychological needs,” Beard said. “Our students and alumni continue to do amazing work and the impact of that work echoes beyond their patients and to everyone who comes in contact with them. Twenty years of high-quality mental health services to our community is something I am proud that we could help provide to the community.”

The primary mission of the Psy.D. program at Marshall University is to train doctoral-level psychologists who are highly skilled generalists that possess the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to meet the unique behavioral health needs of those who identify with rural, underserved, and populations who have been marginalized.

The Psy.D. program has helped diversify the workforce serving those with behavioral health needs in West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and even around the world with graduates from the program living in other countries. The program has also worked to have graduates from backgrounds that have been disadvantaged and marginalized and those from groups that are underrepresented in the field of professional health service psychology.

More information about the Psy.D. program can be obtained at <https://www.marshall.edu/psych/programs/psyd-program/> or by contacting Beard at beard@marshall.edu.

COEPD dedicates Irene Brand Student Library

APRIL 18, 2023



The Irene Brand Student Library was officially dedicated last week, with many of the family, friends and former students of the late Irene Brand present at the grand opening.

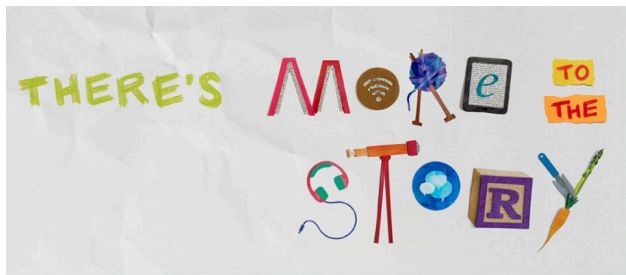
Brand grew up in Mason County and graduated from Marshall University in 1966. She went on to have a long career as an educator, teaching American history and French. She was also a novelist, and published more than 40 novels, including “Love at Last” and “Song of Her Heart.”

She left a gift to the university in her estate to support the College of Education and Professional Development. The Irene Brand Library was designed by students for students. The space is a quiet place for groups to work together or for individuals to relax. Books for students to use during their time student teaching are available. The space was designed and purposed by the college’s Dean’s Student Advisory Council using local supporter Latta’s School Furnishings & Playgrounds.



Preschool students from the MU Early Education STEAM Center came over to get their very own IB Library cards and have story time with Dr. Monica DellaMea, incoming faculty member and longtime West Virginia Department of Education collaborator.

Photos: (Above) Dr. Monica DellaMea reads to preschoolers from the MU Early Education STEAM Center. (Below) A student from the MU Early Education STEAM Center shows off her new library card.



Open to all MU community members.
 Prize drawing winners announced on May 1.
Can be completed at any MU library or using the library website.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Photo Scavenger Hunt

Entries will be accepted April 23 - 29.



Scan QR Code to enter.
marshall.libwizard.com/f/NLW2023

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MARSHALL UNIVERSITY SPRING 2023 EXAM SCHEDULE

EXAM HOUR	MONDAY APRIL 24	TUESDAY APRIL 25	THURSDAY APRIL 27	FRIDAY APRIL 28
8:00 A.M. UNTIL 10:00 A.M.	CLASSES MEETING AT 8:00 MWF	CLASSES MEETING AT 9:30 TR	CLASSES MEETING AT 8:00 TR	CLASSES MEETING AT 9:00 MWF
10:15 A.M. UNTIL 12:15 P.M.	CLASSES MEETING AT 10:00 MWF	CLASSES MEETING AT 11:00 MWF	CLASSES MEETING AT 11:00 TR	CLASSES MEETING AT 12:00 MWF
12:45 P.M. UNTIL 2:45 P.M.	CLASSES MEETING AT 2:00 OR 2:30 MWF	CLASSES MEETING AT 12:30 TR	CLASSES MEETING AT 2:00 TR	CLASSES MEETING AT 1:00 MWF

NOTE: All classes meeting at 3:00 p.m. and after will be examined in two-hour blocks at the first regularly scheduled class meeting during the above examination period. If the two-hour time allowance results in a conflict in exam times, it is the student's responsibility to notify the professor of the later course and to reschedule the later exam. Rescheduled exams must be concluded by Friday, April 28, at 6:00 p.m.

All Wednesday (only) afternoon classes, those meeting at 3:00 p.m. and after, will be examined Wednesday, April 26.

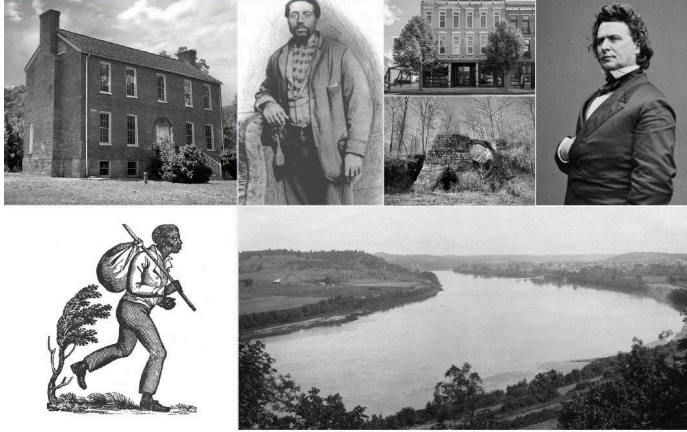
Saturday classes will be examined April 22 at their regularly scheduled class period.

The common final exam time and date for all sections of CHM 111, 205, 211, 212, 355, and 356 will be 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 22.

The common final exam time and date for all sections of PHY 201, PHY 203, PHY 211, and PHY 213 will be 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 22.



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Ruth Sullivan Rally for Autism coming up April 29

APRIL 18, 2023



The annual Ruth Sullivan Rally for Autism will be held in Ritter Park in Huntington Saturday, April 29. This is the 22nd year for the rally, which is designed to bring awareness to and promote acceptance of the autism community. The rally includes a walk and a run, and registration is now open at Tristateracer.com. Those who register before April 20 can do so at a discounted price of \$20.

The Ruth Sullivan Rally for Autism serves as a fundraiser for the West Virginia Autism Training Center, the Autism Services Center, and the Autism Society of West Virginia.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., opening ceremony begins at 8:20 a.m. and the race itself begins at 9 a.m.

Rec Center Healthy Herd Camps to start May 30

APRIL 18, 2023



Marshall Recreation Center will host their annual summer camp starting the last week of May. We accommodate campers from 5 to 12 years old and also offer before/after care and lunch at an additional cost. Each week has a unique theme that will keep campers entertained. Be sure to register by April 30 to pay our special early bird price! Please [visit our website](#) for more information.

DBA VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 • 12 PM

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The low-cost, high-value program offers a hybrid delivery mode, with three concentrations:

- Management and entrepreneurship
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Marshall Health consolidates family medicine locations in Putnam County

APRIL 18, 2023



Two Marshall Health locations in Putnam County have consolidated to better serve patients. The Marshall Family Medicine on Chase Drive closed March 30 to merge with its sister location one and a half miles east at 3952 Teays Valley Road.

Nurse Practitioner [Sarah L. Turner, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC](#), joins [Nicholas](#)

[Raubitschek, M.D.](#), and Nurse Practitioner [Lynn Moreland, APRN, CFNP](#), to provide comprehensive health care for patients of all ages – infants through senior adults – at the Teays Valley Road location. [Hyla Harvey, M.D.](#), an assistant professor of family and community

health remains on faculty at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine but has retired from patient care to fulfill her role as the medical director of West Virginia Medicaid.



“I believe in the power of community health as a driver of positive change,” Raubitschek said. “I’m proud to serve the residents of Putnam County in a community that I’ve come to call my own.”

Marshall Family Medicine is accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment, please call 304-757-6737.

Marshall Health – Teays Valley, a multi-specialty facility with an onsite lab and imaging services located at 300 Corporate Center Drive in Scott Depot, also serves the residents of Putnam and its surrounding counties.

Photos: **Nicholas Raubitschek, M.D.**, **Sarah L. Turner, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC**, and **Lynn Moreland, APRN, CFNP**, provide comprehensive health care for patients of all ages – infants through senior adults – at the Teays Valley Road location of Marshall Health.

Marshall names SCORES festival winners

APRIL 18, 2023



Marshall's annual SCORES (Scholastic Competition of Recognizing Educational Success) academic festival brought more than 1200 students from 27 high schools to Marshall's Huntington campus March 31.

“SCORES is a wonderful event that brings high-achieving students to campus to interact with our faculty and staff,” said Michelle Biggs, director of Marshall's Herd Academy and event organizer. “It is a great opportunity for high school students to experience Marshall's campus and to hopefully be able to see themselves here as a Marshall student.”

Students competed in 94 different academic events throughout the day in more than 40 different subjects. In addition, to the on-campus competitions, students had the opportunity to participate in 24 pre-submitted events.

“For many high school students, SCORES might be their first opportunity to visit a college campus and we hope that we have provided a positive, memorable experience for them,” said Dr. Sherri Stepp, associate dean of undergraduate studies at Marshall.

Participants competed in classrooms and facilities across campus. In between events, students had the opportunity to enjoy lunch in Marshall's dining facilities and learn about the academic

and social programs Marshall has to offer. The event wrapped up with an awards ceremony in Marshall's basketball arena, the Cam Henderson Center.

“In addition to their competitive events, we wanted to share our beautiful campus. This year, we added some new activities and amenities to the excitement by including a mini college fair where we showcased our academic programs,” Stepp said. “Marco and our MU PAWS therapy dogs visited with students between their competitions, and we added a quiet room for students to decompress between their competitions as well as a hospitality room for our teachers and counselors. The SCORES experience is just a small taste of what we have to offer.”

Campus tours and tours of Marshall's one-room schoolhouse were also available.

Six scholarships were awarded at the completion of the competitions. In addition to the scholarships Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals were awarded to students placing first, second, and third in most contests. Trophies were also awarded to the top three winners in each of the school divisions. Schools were recognized for having the most spirit and registering the most students.

A full list of contest winners is available at www.marshall.edu/herdacademy/scores-2.

Photos: From top: (1) Megan Wrobleski (left) of Chesapeake High School received a \$1,500 scholarship, and (2) Dawson Forbush (left), also from Chesapeake, received a \$1,000 scholarship. Both are pictured with Michelle Biggs, Marshall's director of Herd Academy. (3) Marshall President Brad D. Smith addresses the students who attended. (4) Students celebrate the winners at the award ceremony.

Marshall receives several awards at SAM International Business Conference

APRIL 18, 2023

Marshall University's Society for Advancement of Management (SAM) Chapter received several awards at the SAM International Business Conference 2023.

A team of eight students — Jamison Lewis, Maddy Branham, Brady Doyle, Bella Schrader, Cassidy Waugh, Evan Miller, Peyton Stover and Nico Raffinengo — worked together and showcased their management and problem-solving skills, leading the chapter to receiving several awards, including first place in the Society for Advancement of Management (SAM) Open Case Study Competition.

The SAM Open Case Study Competition attracts top-performing teams from around the world and demands comprehensive and strategic thinking, along with the ability to identify and solve complex business problems in a rapidly changing global market.

Nico Raffinengo won first place in the Undergraduate Division of the Business Pitch Competition, and three members of the Marshall University team — Jamison Lewis (national), Bella Schrader (national) and Maddy Branham (regional) – received the SAM Outstanding Student Award. The SAM Campus Chapter Performance Program also recognized the Marshall chapter as the second place winner in the Small Chapter Division.

Glen Midkiff, the chapter advisor of the Marshall SAM Chapter, received the SAM Outstanding Advisor Award for the third time as well as the Bronze Leadership Medal, and Dr. Avinandan “Avi” Mukherjee, provost and senior vice president of academic affairs, received the Gold Leadership Medal and the Advancement of Management Award.

“The SAM International Business Conference 2023 focused on ‘Advancing Management: Reimagining Leadership, Innovation, & Sustainability,’ and the Marshall team’s success is a testament to their dedication and commitment to those values,” Midkiff said.

Another participant representing Marshall was Dr. Kateryna Schray, who co-presented “Re-imagining Student Success Post-Pandemic and Making it Happen: Anticipating Customer Needs in Higher Education” with Mukherjee. D.B.A. student Amber Chatelain presented on “Business social responsibility and community crisis response: Perceptions of small business owners in small to midsized communities,” and Sidharth Arora, an engineering management major, assisted with conference logistics.

“SAM IBC 2023 was my third SAM conference, and easily the best one I’ve experienced so far. It offered many amazing opportunities for networking, team-building, and professional development that were very enlightening for me,” Lewis said.

The Society for Advancement of Management was established in 1912 with the goal of promoting new management ideas and expertise by building connections among academics, practitioners and students from different disciplines. It benefits from hundreds of volunteers from various fields, including accounting, finance, entrepreneurship, marketing, production, and research and development.

For more information about the Marshall University SAM chapter, contact Midkiff by e-mail at midkiff2@marshall.edu, or the faculty advisor, Dr. Marc Sollosy, at sollosy@marshall.edu.

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June 19 – 21, 2023

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

In Person at Marshall University

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