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Marshall names Dr. David Gozal new school of medicine dean

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Dr. David Gozal, a pediatric pulmonologist and world-renowned pediatric sleep expert, has been named the incoming dean and vice president for health affairs at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

The selection of Gozal is the culmination of a six-month national search.

President Smith said he is grateful for the search committee's diligent work through the extensive process.

"The goal was to identify a leader devoted to research and academic excellence, experienced in the complex and evolving world of academic medicine financials, and committed to a positive culture of collaboration

and service," Smith said. "The selection of Dr. Gozal brings a proven leader to our campus who has succeeded in each of these areas.

Beth L. Hammers, Chief Executive Officer of Marshall Health, the faculty practice plan of the school of medicine, said Gozal's appointment comes at a momentous time in the evolution of the school.

"As Marshall and our community health care partners move toward a more comprehensive clinical integration, the new dean must have a solid grasp of the workings of a true academic health system," Hammers said. "Dr. Gozal has extensive experience in academic medicine and an understanding of the complexities that will help guide our institution forward."

Gozal comes to Marshall from the University of Missouri (UM), where he served as the Marie M. and Harry L. Smith Endowed Chair and Chairman of the Department of Child Health, as well as the Physician-in-Chief of the University of Missouri Health Children's Hospital. Prior to his work at UM, Gozal served in positions at Tulane University, University of Louisville, and the University of Chicago, among others. The recipient of dozens of honors, awards and recognitions for his work, Gozal has been a federally funded National Institutes of Health researcher since 1992. He has published over 850 peer-reviewed original articles with more than 80,000 citations, making him one of the most highly cited researchers in his discipline.

He graduated from Hebrew University of Jerusalem with his Doctor of Medicine degree, completed a pediatric residency in Israel, followed by a fellowship in in pediatric pulmonology and sleep medicine at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. Additionally, he earned MBA degrees from Georgetown University and ESADE in Barcelona, Spain.

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Avi Mukherjee headed the search for the school of medicine dean.

"I am delighted to welcome Dr. Gozal to our school of medicine and to our academic leadership team at Marshall," Mukherjee said. "His spirit of collaboration and innovation and his record of research, education and business acumen make him uniquely qualified to take us to the next level."

Gozal will officially join Marshall on July 31 and will be introduced to the university community later this summer.

"These are very exciting times for Marshall University," he said. "I am simply ecstatic and humbled to be honored with the responsibilities of leading the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine into a brighter and healthier future for all West Virginians and beyond."

In announcing Gozal's appointment, Smith also expressed his appreciation for Dr. Bobby Miller for his leadership as interim dean since July 2022.

Brandon Dennison tapped for Marshall's vice president of economic and workforce development

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Marshall University President Brad D. Smith has announced that Brandon Dennison, founder and CEO of Coalfield Development, will join Marshall as vice president of economic and workforce development, effective July 1, 2023.

The new post is part of Smith's goal to position the university as a prosperity platform for West Virginia and beyond.

"Marshall has many expert departments with dedicated staff working to make a positive impact in our communities, so we are excited to have someone with Brandon's vision and leadership to help us further grow our collective impact," Smith said. "I cannot think of a better person to lead this team than Brandon. As a nationally renowned social enterprise expert and a son of southern West Virginia, he brings his unparalleled passion, intense energy and knowledge of Appalachia to this post. We are thrilled that he is joining our Marshall community."

Dennison is the founder and CEO of Coalfield Development and will remain as Coalfield Development's executive president, where he will still work with the team to develop and implement overall long-term strategy for the nonprofit.

He will help select and train a new CEO this fall.

"I appreciate President Smith's confidence in me, and I am excited to help write Marshall's next chapter of positive impact and positive change," Dennison said, "The intersection of knowledge and industry is where real traction begins for modern economic development. Under President Smith, Marshall is leading the way on economic development in this region. I'm going to do all I can to build on this momentum and take it to the next level. Go Herd!"

In his new role, Dennison will be part of Marshall's external engagement team.

"Brandon is a great addition to our team," said H. Toney Stroud, general counsel and vice president of external affairs. "We are excited for him to bring his entrepreneurial spirit to strengthen our economic development efforts for not only southern West Virginia, but also the Tri-State region and across the Mountain State."

Dennison is tasked with working with his department heads to develop the collective vision for Marshall's economic and workforce development efforts and applied research projects. His team includes Marshall's Advanced Manufacturing Center, the Southern WV Brownfields Center, the Center for Environmental, Geotechnical, and Applied Sciences, Marshall's Sustainability Department, and the Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern West Virginia.

"I have worked with Brandon for many years on various projects, and I am excited that he is joining the Marshall team," Derek Scarbro, interim director of Marshall's Advanced Manufacturing Center said. "He is a visionary, coalition-builder who will only strengthen Marshall's reach and help implement the President's vision to 10x our manufacturing training and services."

Dennison is a winner of the J.M.K. Social Innovation Prize, a DRK Entrepreneur, and an Ashoka Fellow, all awards for social entrepreneurs. In 2019, he was awarded the Heinz Award for Technology, the Economy, and Employment. He is married to Ashley, and they have two sons.

Dennison's Marshall roots run deep.

“My brothers are both Marshall graduates and my wife did her graduate work at Marshall. My parents taught there. My sons are slated to attend the STEAM Academy,” he said. “This university holds a special place in my heart, and this is much more than a job. The ‘We Are Marshall’ rally cry always gives me chills. The “We” captures the sense of community so special at this place. The “Are” verb captures the in-motion action which defines the university. It is truly humbling to have this opportunity.”

Marshall honors third class of physician assistant students with white coat ceremony

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The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine held its third White Coat Ceremony for its Class of 2025 physician assistant (PA) June 9 at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

“I chose to pursue a physician assistant career because it offers the opportunity to develop in-depth patient-provider relationships,” said Ryan Bashour, Class of 2025 PA student from Morgantown, West Virginia.

During the ceremony, 30 students received their white coats and recited the Physician Assistant Professional Oath.

“Many of my family members work in health care, and that influenced my decision to become a PA,” said Courtney Bailey, a first-year student from Lexington, Kentucky. “My mother set an extraordinary example for me. Her compassion for patients and desire to learn about the always evolving medical world inspires me to use the knowledge and skills I gain in this program to become a PA that inspires others.”

Marshall's [PA program](#) is housed in the Robert W. Coon Education Building on the campus of the Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Medical Center in Huntington. The 28-month program was established in 2018 in response to increased demand for physician assistants across the nation's health care workforce. The program's inaugural class of 25 students graduated with their Master of Medical Science degrees in April 2023.

Additional information about the PA program is available at <https://jcesom.marshall.edu/students/physician-assistant-program/>.

Marshall adds bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical sciences

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The Marshall University School of Pharmacy is now offering a Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (B.S.P.S.).

The new undergraduate program will prepare students for entry-level positions in industrial, academic or research environments and continued pursuit of advanced degrees in medicine, pharmacy or research.

“Targeted industries requiring bachelor’s degree-level pharmaceutical sciences skills include pharmaceutical manufacturing, chemical manufacturing, food and beverage manufacturing, biomedical and bioscience, testing laboratories and technical consulting services,” said Dr. Eric Blough, dean of the School of Pharmacy.

Marshall’s B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences is also offered as part of accelerated dual degree programs that result in a B.S. / Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) or B.S. / master’s degree in pharmaceutical sciences.

“This new academic program is a fast track to becoming a pharmacist,” said Blough. “The fourth year of the B.S. program overlaps with the first year of the Pharm.D. program, which enables students to graduate with a Pharm.D. in seven years rather than the traditional eight years.”

The program is now accepting applications for the 2023 fall semester. Prospective students must meet Marshall University admission requirements and have a minimum composite ACT score of 21 with a math score of 21, or a minimum SAT composite score of 1060 with a math section score of 530. Students who have not met the above requirements may gain admission to the B.S.P.S. program by completing Math 127 or 130 and English 101 with a grade of C or higher and at least 15 credit hours of college coursework with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Additional information about the bachelor’s and dual degree programs is available at <https://www.marshall.edu/pharmacy/bs-pharmaceutical-sciences/>.

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Faculty Achievement: Dr. Darshana Shah

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Darshana Shah (right), Ph.D., associate dean of faculty advancement, co-presented a pre-conference workshop with Northwell Health's Alice Fornari, Ed.D., at the International Association of Medical Science Educators annual meeting. Their session highlighted an inaugural [Mentoring Certificate Program](#). Shah and Fornari are the co-editors of the book "Mentoring In Health Professions Education."

Cyber competition team places 14th at National Cyber League competition

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Marshall's cyber competition team placed 14th of 450 colleges and universities in the National Cyber League's Spring 2023 season. Students performed in individual and team events that showcase the real-world cybersecurity skills they would use in the workplace.

Students Andrew Clark, Ethen Endres, Alisha Joseph, John McFee, Samuel Adkins, Emma Meadows and Robert Miller II, who were coached by Marshall Associate Professor Josh Brunty, were recognized for outstanding performance.

"Marshall's Cyber Competition Team has exemplified unparalleled cyber skills yet again. I'm incredibly proud of this season's team members for their unwavering drive and grit, as they demonstrated the persistence to withstand intense pressure and exceed expectations against the best of the best in this year's the National Cyber League (NCL) competition," Brunty said. "This latest achievement and placement not only solidify Marshall's position as a powerhouse in the field of cybersecurity, but reflects that our students are among the best and brightest students in the United States."

Marshall's team has performed well in the competition for several years, ranking in the top 10 four times and winning in the spring of 2020.

The National Cyber League, which is powered by Cyber Skyline, is a competition league that tests students in the individual and collaborative daily tasks they'd need as cybersecurity professionals. Marshall's students were among 7,820 students who participated, earning a skills

report that recognizes their abilities and can be shown to an employer to demonstrate their job readiness.

“The NCL finish this year showcases our students’ grit and determination when faced with cyber challenges,” said Bill Gardner, interim chair and undergraduate program director for Marshall’s Department of Cyber Forensics and Security. “They continue to excel at doing hard work that matters. I couldn’t be prouder.”

For more information about Marshall’s Department of Cyber Forensics and Security, visit <https://www.marshall.edu/cfs/>.

Marshall program among top in the U.S. for preparing future teachers in reading

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The undergraduate teacher preparation program at Marshall University has been recognized by the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) for its rigorous preparation of future teachers in how to teach reading, earning an “A” grade in NCTQ’s new report, [Teacher Prep Review: Strengthening Elementary Reading Instruction](#).

“Success in reading leads to success in all other subject areas,” said Dr. Teresa Eagle, dean of the College of Education and Professional Development. “By using proven methods of teaching reading, we can train teachers that will lead their students well in all subject areas.”

The program is among just 23% nationwide and three in West Virginia to earn an “A” from NCTQ for meeting standards set by literacy experts for coverage of the most effective methods of reading instruction—often called the “science of reading.”

National data show that more than one-third of fourth-grade students—over 1.3 million children—cannot read at a basic level. By preparing teachers in the methods that research has shown to work best, we can change these devastating results.

To evaluate the quality of preparation being provided, a team of experts at NCTQ analyzed syllabi, including lecture schedules and topics, background reading materials, class assessments, assignments, and opportunities to practice instruction in required literacy courses for undergraduate elementary teacher candidates at Marshall University. To earn an “A,” programs needed to meet NCTQ’s targets for coverage of the five core components of scientifically based reading instruction—**phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension**—and not teach more than three instructional methods that are unsupported by the research on effective reading instruction.

While some portion of children will learn to read naturally, over five decades of [research](#) have established the components of explicit, scientifically based reading instruction that help most students become successful readers. [Research suggests](#) that over 90% of children could learn to read if their teachers used instructional methods grounded in the science of reading.

The new NCTQ analysis of teacher preparation programs' coverage of the science of reading was developed over the course of two years, involving teams of literacy experts, researchers, teacher preparation leaders and educators. NCTQ evaluated 693 traditional undergraduate and graduate programs across the country, including 10 in West Virginia. Overall, just 112 programs earned an A and 48 earned an A+.

See [the NCTQ report](#) for more information about Marshall's coverage of the science of reading and to see how Marshall University compares to other programs in West Virginia or across the country.

About NCTQ

The National Council on Teacher Quality: NCTQ is a nonpartisan research and policy organization on a mission to ensure every child has access to an effective teacher and every teacher has the opportunity to be effective. We believe a strong, diverse teacher workforce is critical for providing all students with equitable educational opportunities. For more information about NCTQ, visit www.nctq.org.

Registration underway for summer volleyball camps

JUNE 20, 2023



The Marshall University Volleyball program has announced and opened registration for 2023 summer camps. The Herd is offering seven different camps this summer designed for various age groups and skill levels.

You can sign up for camps by clicking the follow link: <https://bit.ly/VolleyballSummerCamps>

Little Herd Camp

Dates: July 10th – July 13th

Check-in: 8:30 a.m.

Time: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30/Day

Who: Boys and Girls, Ages 8-12

T-shirt provided but no lunch provided.

This camp is designed for beginner volleyball players who are looking to learn the basics of volleyball. All skills will be taught at this camp at the beginner volleyball level. Modifications will be made to allow campers to be successful and most importantly have fun!

Hitter/Setter Camp

Date: July 14th

Check-in: 8:30 a.m.

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., with a break for lunch from Noon – 1 p.m.

Cost: \$100, all payments are non-refundable

Who: Girls, Ages 12-18

T-shirt provided but no lunch provided.

Campers will learn how to improve their skills and excel at hitting or setting. All players will be able to put into practice what they have learned with live opportunities.

All Skills Camp

Dates: July 15th – July 16th

Check-in: 8:30 a.m.

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., break for lunch each day from Noon – 1 p.m.

Cost: \$225, all payments are non-refundable

Who: Girls, Ages 9-18

T-shirt provided but no lunch provided.

This two-day comprehensive camp focuses on pushing each camper to take their game to the next level with each skill. Serving, passing, attacking, defense, blocking, and setting will be taught throughout the camp.

Passer/Server Camp

Date: July 21st

Check-in: 8:30 a.m.

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., with break for lunch from Noon – 1 p.m.

Cost: \$100, all payments are non-refundable

Who: Girls, Ages 12-18

T-shirt provided but no lunch provided.

Campers will focus on the most important parts of volleyball, developing and improving their ball control skills, or trying to learn something new. The clinic will cover passing and serve receive techniques while covering all aspects of serving.

Elite Camp

Dates: July 22nd-23rd

Check-in: 8:30 a.m.

Time: July 22- 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., with break for lunch from Noon – 1 p.m., July 23 – 9 a.m. – Noon

Cost: \$210, all payments are non-refundable

Who: Girls, Ages 13-18
T-shirt provided but no lunch provided.

This two-day camp is designed to give athletes an inside look into the practice setting of a college program. This camp features elite level drills and technical work. Each session will cover proper technique to fine tune skills and cover advanced level aspects of the game.

Team Camp

Dates: July 28th – July 29th
Check-in: 8:30 a.m.
First serve: 9 a.m.
Who: Varsity, JV and Freshman Teams
T-shirt provided but no lunch provided

First day will be pool play and the second day will be bracket play. Min of 8 players, and trophies for 1st place team. 3 game minimum per day.

Please contact assistant coach Bijonae Jones at either jonesbi@marshall.edu or marshallvolleyballcamps@gmail.com for more information!

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