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# WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University  
Faculty and Staff

July 5, 2023

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## Marshall, West Liberty announce agreement for aviation program partnership

JULY 5, 2023

Marshall and West Liberty universities announced plans for an additional location of Marshall's Bill Noe Flight School at West Liberty University's campus June 29 at Wheeling-Ohio County Airport.

Classes at West Liberty University are expected to begin in the fall of 2024.

"This new location will be fully populated with the technologically advanced Marshall University airplanes and Marshall's top tier flight instructor force and will further enhance Marshall's mission of producing high-quality talented aviators to enter one of the most sought-after professions available today," said Bill Noe, Marshall's chief aviation officer. "This is significantly important as we open this industry and create 'Line of Sight' to the opportunities that aviation has available to the very talented pool of professionals from West Virginia.

"We are looking forward to collaborating with West Liberty and working towards making the state of West Virginia synonymous with Aviation anytime it's mentioned and continue our deep-rooted traditional roots in this field by creating the platform to be the premier location for training future aviators in the country."

Noe said that additional sites are in the works and will be announced in the near future. He added that Marshall's aviation program already has been recognized for its emphasis on "safety first," which will never be compromised for any reason, as well as state-of-the-art technology, facilities and capabilities. The program also promotes student development beyond certifications by emphasizing professionalism, service, integrity and attitude.

"We are happy to be partnering with Marshall University and are looking forward to building West Virginia into the premier aviation state. This will be a great opportunity for students in our area to be placed in high-need careers," said West Liberty's interim president, Dr. Cathy Monteroso.

Marshall's aviation program officially opened in the Fall 2021 semester and will help meet the nation's projected significant need for commercial pilots over the next 20 years. Its ground and flight courses lead to a series of FAA certifications and prepare graduates to become commercial pilots. When in full operation, the Marshall University Bill Noe Flight School is expected to enroll more than 450 students and produce some 80 commercial pilots annually.

Marshall's aircraft fleet includes the highly advanced Cirrus SR20 aircraft. Marshall uses these single engine, state-of-the-art planes because they are ideal for preparing up-and-coming aviators for what they will be flying when out in the workforce. They are fully automated and have a variety of sophisticated avionics, including large display screens; Garmin-outfitted instrumentation; synthetic vision technology; all-digital Bluetooth audio, engine and fuel monitoring; dual alternators; and weather and traffic monitoring systems and navigation. These composite aircraft feature a parachute that will safely lower the plane to the ground. When deployed in the unlikely event of an emergency, the parachute adds a final emphasis to our commitment to safety.

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## **Governor's Literacy Camp visits Huntington campus**

JULY 5, 2023

Nearly 100 8th grade students from across West Virginia visited Marshall June 27. The camp, led by West Virginia Secretary of Culture and Arts Randall Reid-Smith, exposes students to the importance of reading and writing across all professions.

The students arrived in the early afternoon for a welcome by Chief of Staff Ginny Painter in the Big Green Room in Joan C. Edwards Stadium. They then moved to the Communications Building in Smith Hall for a tour of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

The tour was followed by a professional panel and discussion moderated by Director of Communications Leah Payne and including Michael Chirico, Chief Strategy Officer, Marshall Health; Buffy Hammers, Chief Executive Officer, Marshall Health; Teddy Kluemper, Associate Athletic Director for Development, Marshall Athletics; and Susan Lavenski, Chief Executive Officer, Charles Ryan Associates.

The students ended their visit with a group photo at the Memorial Fountain.

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## Danford presenting at International Medieval Congress

JULY 5, 2023



Dr. Rachel Danford, an associate professor in Marshall's School of Art and Design, was accepted to present her paper titled "Reimagining Artist Workshops in Lombard Italy" at the International Medieval Congress, which is taking place July 3-6 in Leeds, United Kingdom. The event is Europe's largest conference dedicated to medieval studies.

Danford's research attempts to recover the experiences of artists in the early medieval Lombard Kingdom, during the years 568-774 in northern Italy. Through the study of extant literary sources, examination of high-resolution photographs, and technical analyses, Danford reconstructs the tools and materials used by artisans in the process of creating works for wealthy patrons.

"The unnamed artist is frequently discussed in the history of medieval art," Danford said. "With a few notable exceptions, most makers of elite objects were low status, and their names and lives

are not documented in the historical record. This paper explores methodological approaches that can provide researchers access to the lived experiences of medieval makers even when they are not explicitly described in the written record.”

Danford joined Marshall in 2017 and teaches introductory courses in the visual arts, the art history surveys, and special topics courses on ancient and medieval art. She earned her Ph.D. in the history of art from Johns Hopkins University (2016) and holds a B.A. in art history, with a minor in archaeology, from Stanford University (2008). From 2014-2016, Danford was a predoctoral Samuel H. Kress Institutional Fellow at the Zentralinstitut für Kunstgeschichte in Munich, Germany.

The College of Arts and Media, and the John Marshall University Scholars Award Program supported Danford’s research and presentation at IMC in Leeds.

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

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## **Marshall names National Society of ACTA Scholars**

JULY 5, 2023

The John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture has announced its Spring 2023 class of National Society of ACTA Scholars.

The following Marshall graduates from Cabell and Putnam counties in West Virginia and Lawrence County, Ohio have been recognized as ACTA Scholars:

Jordan Armstrong of Huntington, West Virginia  
E Bowen of Huntington, West Virginia  
Nathan Dossantos of Huntington, West Virginia  
Ryan Green of Huntington, West Virginia  
Reagan Heffner of Huntington, West Virginia  
Ethan Matovich of Huntington, West Virginia  
Katie Murphy of Huntington, West Virginia  
Emma Rau of Huntington, West Virginia  
Ren Roy of Huntington, West Virginia  
Sydney Adkins of Barboursville, West Virginia  
Joshua Dauber of Barboursville, West Virginia  
Britney Mankin of Milton, West Virginia  
Olivia Bird of Hurricane, West Virginia  
Gatlin Zornes of Hurricane, West Virginia  
Patrick Luikart of Winfield, West Virginia  
Stephen Manns of Chesapeake, Ohio

“ACTA Scholars complete a set of course requirements providing advanced preparation for the responsibilities of informed and engaged citizenship, for effective communication and competition within the global marketplace, and for skilled and creative problem solving to address our present and future challenges,” said Drinko Academy Executive Director Dr. Montserrat Miller. “Three of the seven courses needed for National Society of ACTA Scholars eligibility are already built into Marshall’s core curriculum, and two more are included in College of Liberal Arts requirements. But only a few majors require students to study U.S. government, U.S. history, or economics. The National Society of ACTA Scholars chapter at Marshall encourages more students to take such courses, along with literature and foreign language classes.”

The National Society of ACTA Scholars was founded in 2020 by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, a Washington, D.C. based nonprofit that promotes rigorous studies in the arts and sciences, and advocates for the study of civics at the college level. Marshall University was one of the first institutions of higher education in the country to establish a chapter of this new academic honorary society.

The National Society of ACTA Scholars is supported by ACTA’s Fund for Academic Renewal and by supporters of Marshall’s John Deaver Drinko Academy.

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## Board approves new campus master plan

JULY 5, 2023



At its June 21 meeting, the Marshall University Board of Governors unanimously approved a new [Master Plan](#) that establishes a framework for future decisions affecting physical development of Marshall University’s campuses and centers.

The State of West Virginia requires public colleges and universities to do a new master plan every 10 years, and the new plan

replaces one from 2013 that had reached the end of its term.

The 2023 plan closely aligns with the university’s strategic plan, “Marshall for All, Marshall Forever: A Strategic Roadmap to Future Prosperity,” blending visionary and practical ideas, and articulating shared values. The master plan will be one of many tools used over the next decade as decisions are made about Marshall’s buildings and grounds. The plan represents just one set of possibilities and will change over time.

In a June 22 message to the university community, President Brad D. Smith thanked everyone who participated in the 10-month effort to develop the plan through focus groups, workshops, poster sessions, online surveys and interviews.

He also expressed appreciation to the [Master Plan Steering Committee, as well as to the stakeholder groups and community leaders who provided input](#), and to Senior Vice President for Operations Brandi Jacobs-Jones, who oversaw the process.

**The full presentation is available [here](#) on the university’s website**, and includes information about the master planning process, the final recommendations, and phasing and cost estimates. The plan’s **executive summary is available [here](#).**

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to continue to share their thoughts and feedback about the plan through the [online comment form](#). All input submitted through this form will be considered as campus development decisions are made in the future.

Additional information will be added to the [Master Plan website](#) as plans progress.

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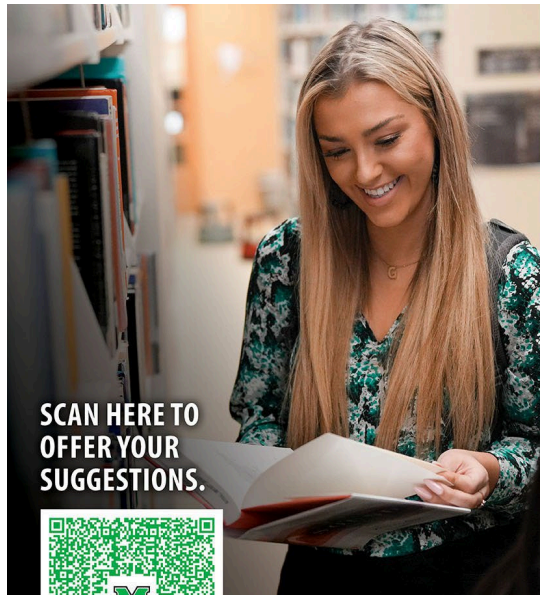
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