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The Newsletter for Marshall University
Faculty and Staff

August 2, 2023

Marshall to receive \$2.8 million to expand nurse practitioner training

AUGUST 2, 2023



The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has been awarded \$2.8 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to expand its nurse practitioner training program through Marshall Health.

The four-year HRSA grant (#23-009) will allow Marshall to effectively double its internal medicine nurse practitioner (NP) fellowship program to include four trainees per year. The fellowship program, established in 2019, provides one year of postgraduate training for nurse practitioners looking to transition into a new specialty or hone their skills in a specific internal medicine area of practice.

Through the grant, the program will establish a new emphasis on rural health, creating rural rotations and better preparing trainees for the wide range of diseases and conditions they may encounter in a rural setting, including primary care, behavioral health and maternal health.

“With the expansion of its internal medicine NP fellowship, Marshall is in a unique position to partner with other healthcare organizations in rural communities to broaden access to high-quality health care across Appalachia,” said Program Director Beth A. White, D.N.P., FNP-C, AACC, CTTS. “Through the training, licensed NP fellows will immerse themselves in rural care, thereby enhancing their clinical knowledge and skills and integrated learning experiences using evidence-based medicine to care for and educate patients.”

To learn more about the internal medicine nurse practitioner fellowship, visit marshallhealth.org/for-health-professionals/internal-medicine-nurse-practitioner-fellowship/.

Photo: Marshall University's nurse practitioner fellowship provides one year of post-graduate training for nurse practitioners looking to transition into a specialty.

Update on 'Project Marco'

AUGUST 2, 2023



We are pleased to share that work to formalize the relationship among our three entities —Marshall Health, the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Mountain Health Network — under the name “Project Marco” is continuing in earnest with the goal of having a Definitive Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding signed by October 1, 2023.

The Letter of Intent (LOI) signed in April was the first step in creating an integrated, well-organized and market-leading academic health system. After signing the LOI, we entered into a phase of due diligence, guided by the [foundational principles](#) that were identified at the beginning of this process. Project workgroups are engaged in various areas to ensure a smooth transition following October 1. The consultants at ECG also continue to advise us as we navigate the due diligence phase.

During the past few months, many of you at Marshall Health and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine have participated in town hall discussions related to Project Marco. We appreciate all of you for your active involvement. With the arrival of the new School of Medicine dean, Dr. David Gozal, we anticipate there will be opportunities to participate in additional listening sessions in the near future. We also encourage you visit our webpage, marshallhealth.org/project-marco, for the most up-to-date information about Project Marco.

We are confident this integration will allow us to reach our full potential as an academic health system. We are excited about the possibilities it will create for our community and look forward to sharing more with you in the weeks and months ahead.

Thank you,

Brad D. Smith
President, Marshall University

Beth L. Hammers, M.B.A.
Chief Executive Officer, Marshall Health

Kevin Yingling, M.D.
President and CEO, Mountain Health Network

Photo: From left, President Smith, Beth L. Hammers and Dr. Kevin Yingling at the initial “Project Marco” announcement in early May.

From the Office of Public Safety: 3rd Avenue parking lot to be closed until Monday

AUGUST 2, 2023

On Wednesday, Aug. 2, the parking lot located at 16th Street and Third Avenue will be closed for paving and striping until Monday Aug. 7. The west half of the Weisberg Engineering lot will also be closed for lot maintenance.

Please park in other available lots or the Third Avenue parking garage during this time.

Additional information will be sent if any of the above times change due to weather.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Chief Jim Terry at Terry@marshall.edu .

Thank you for your patience during these construction projects.

Marshall Libraries closed temporarily for in-service on Aug. 3

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The MU Libraries will be closed from 8 a.m. -2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 3, for training. During these hours, general library services including library chat, in person access to the Morrow, Drinko and South Charleston campus libraries will be unavailable. Library hold materials may be picked up at Drinko after 2 p.m. and the library will close at its normal hours that evening.

Marshall researchers to study oral cancer prevention

AUGUST 2, 2023



The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has awarded the Marshall University School of Pharmacy a \$444,000 research enhancement grant to explore possible preventive treatments for oral cancer.

Oral cancer, also known as squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck cancer (SCCHN), is the sixth most common cancer worldwide. It is caused by smoking, drinking, the Human papillomavirus (HPV) and betel nut chewing. While the incidence of many types of cancer is decreasing, the rate of SCCHN has continued to increase. In West Virginia, this cancer is increasing by 4.2% per year.

“Our NIH-funded research will use a synthetic version of curcumin, which is a substance in turmeric, to explore its anti-carcinogenic effects in mice,” said Ruhul D. Amin, Ph.D., associate professor at the School of Pharmacy and principal investigator for this project. “If our study proves the substance prevents oral cancer, it will pave the way for further clinical development that could ultimately save thousands of lives.”

Additional information about Marshall University School of Pharmacy research is available at <https://www.marshall.edu/pharmacy/research/>.

Photo: Ruhul D. Amin, Ph.D., is associate professor at the School of Pharmacy and principal investigator for the oral cancer project.

Enhanced in-state toxicology services available at Marshall Health

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Marshall Health and Mountain Health Network have realigned their toxicology services to best meet the needs of health care providers and employers.

The drug testing, compliance monitoring, specimen collection and provider consultations previously provided by Mountain Health Clinical Solutions has been rebranded as Marshall Toxicology as a platform for more timely and comprehensive toxicological analyses.

“Under the Marshall Health umbrella, our longtime commitment to driving accurate results is enhanced, giving us the opportunity to expand our testing platforms and to pursue additional training for both medical and graduate students at Marshall University,” said Marshall Health Pathologist Krista Denning, M.D., professor and chair of the department of pathology at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and medical director of Marshall Toxicology.

Marshall Toxicology now offers urine testing for more than 80 different pharmaceuticals and drugs of abuse. These tests help physicians identify patients at risk of substance misuse and facilitate referral to treatment services. Likewise, employers across the region rely on these services to support a drug-free workplace and effective return-to-work programs. Testing is conducted in state, generating an average turnaround time of two to three days.

Marshall Toxicology, located at 2561 3rd Ave. in Huntington, is accredited by the College of American Pathologists. For more information or to schedule a consultation, visit www.marshallhealth.org/toxicology or call Marshall Toxicology at 304-781-4445.

About Marshall Health

Marshall Health is the clinical enterprise of Marshall University and its Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Marshall Health brings together leading clinicians and researchers to provide world-class care throughout southern West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky. With more than 420 providers in 75 areas of primary and specialty care, Marshall Health's impact extends to more than 40 outpatient clinics across the region. To learn more, visit marshallhealth.org.

LIBRARY FACULTY *Orientation*

August 7 | 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Marshall University Library
South Charleston Campus

Available in-person or online
Open to both Graduate and Undergraduate Faculty

Lunch will be provided to in-person registered attendees.

PLEASE REGISTER
WITH QR CODE.



For more information contact: Heather Lauer | Heather.Lauer@marshall.edu | 304.746.8906
www.marshall.edu



First 'Dolly Day' to take place Aug. 9 with statewide events

AUGUST 2, 2023



More than 50,000 West Virginia children under five years old are registered to receive a free book each month through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. The free books are offered to all children in the state, from birth to age five, regardless of family income.

Last year, during a special event where Dolly Parton visited Charleston, West Virginia, to celebrate the statewide expansion of the program, Gov. Jim Justice declared Aug. 9 as Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Day.

This year, to celebrate the first "Dolly Day" in West Virginia, a statewide read-aloud of a popular book from the program will take place Wednesday, Aug. 9. Partners in various locations across the state have invited families to join them for a read-aloud event to celebrate the program and help spread a love of reading. For a complete list of read-aloud events occurring across the state, please visit <https://www.marshall.edu/juncharless/imaginationlibrary/west-virginia-statewide->

[read-aloud/](#). Please note that some events may require pre-registration or are reserved for specific age groups. You may reach out to the contact listed for each event for more information.

The Imagination Library mails more than two million high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to enrolled children from birth to age five. Parton envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading and inspiring children to “Dream More, Learn More, Care More and Be More.”

Parents or guardians who are interested in registering their children for the Imagination Library program may do so online by filling out a brief form at www.imaginationlibrary.com. Registered children will begin receiving books at their home addresses approximately eight to 10 weeks after their forms are received. The first book distributed is always the children’s classic “The Little Engine That Could.”

The program has been widely researched and results demonstrate its positive impact on early childhood development and literacy skills. Penguin Random House is the exclusive publisher for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. For more information, please visit imaginationlibrary.com.

For further information, contact Brittany Fike by e-mail at brittany.fike@marshall.edu.

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IMAGINATION
LIBRARY
WEST VIRGINIA

PRIZES
FOR BEST
DRESSED
Dolly

Scan the QR code
or register [HERE](#)

RITTER PARK
Huntington, WV — August 12, 2023

MARSHALL
JUNE HARLESS
CENTER

School of Art and Design to open new exhibition Aug. 14

AUGUST 2, 2023



The Marshall University School of Art and Design will present a new exhibition, *For Those of Us Still Living*, featuring the artworks of artist Jim Arendt, which will be on view Aug. 14 through Sept. 7 in the Charles W. and Norma C. Carroll Gallery, located in the Visual Arts Center at 927 3rd Ave. The exhibition breathes new life into discarded denim, with which Arendt has created portraits exploring the intersections of labor, industry and human narratives.

“Arendt’s unique ability to transform an everyday, accessible fabric into extraordinary portraits challenges our perceptions of material and leaves us with a desire to know more about the people portrayed in the works,” Gallery Director Courtney Chapman said.

Arendt is an associate professor of visual arts and gallery director at Coastal Carolina University. He received his master’s in fine arts from the University of Carolina and continues to exhibit his work nationally

and internationally.

In conjunction with the exhibition, Marshall’s School of Art and Design Galleries will host special events, including a joint reception with Ron Lambert’s “Divide and Follow” from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, and a closing artist talk with Arendt at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7. All events are free and open to the public.

For further information or inquiries, contact Chapman at 304-696-4312 or via e-mail at Courtney.chapman@marshall.edu.

Photo: An example of Jim Arendt’s art work with discarded denim.

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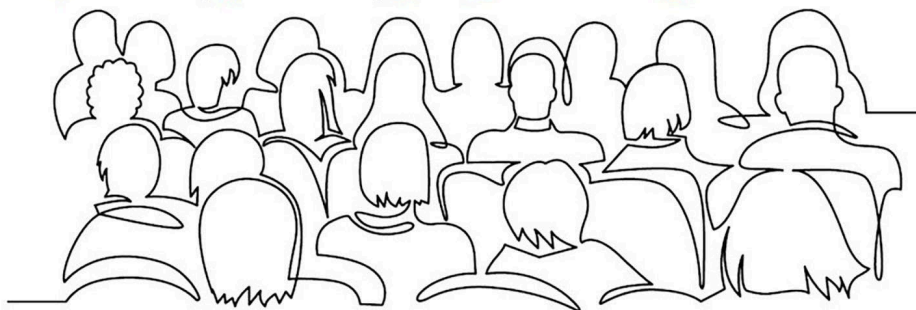
TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Tuesday

August 15, 2023

8:15am - 4:30pm

MSC Shawkey Dining Room



Tuesday is a day of presentations and workshops devoted to teaching, research, and community engagement.



For schedule information and registration, visit www.marshall.edu/ct/trace-tuesday or scan QR Code.

Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning
All Marshall University faculty are invited to attend.



Mental Health FIRST AID
from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Tuesday, August 15th

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Delivery Format:

2 hours of self-paced online pre-work before attending the 4.5 hours in-person instructor led course

Location: Marshall University Memorial Student Center
Shawkey Room

LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adolescents ages 12-18. You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to young people who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support.

AFTER THE COURSE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO:

- Recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges, including anxiety, depression, eating disorders and attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD).
- Recognize common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- Understand how to interact with a young person in crisis.
- Know how to connect a young person with help.
- Better understand trauma, substance use, self-care and the impact of social media and bullying.

Join the more than
2.6 MILLION
First Aiders who
have chosen to
be the difference
in their
community.

REGISTER TODAY!

Email Sarah Brown to
pre-register at
sarah.brown@prestera.org

For further questions, contact
Ryan Elkins, PRSS, at
elkins167@marshall.edu

For more information, visit MHFA.org





Senior Focus Friday

Brought to you by
Cabell Huntington Hospital

TOPIC: COPD Treatment
Friday, Aug. 18 • Noon to 1 p.m.

Speakers: Yousef Shweihat, MD, Marshall Health pulmonologist and professor at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

Jodi Biller, DNP, Marshall Health nurse practitioner and director of clinical improvement for the MHC Accountable Care Organization

Anyone 50 and older is welcome to attend to enjoy a free, healthy meal and receive information about COPD treatments. This event is free, but registration is required.

More information: www.Huntingtons-kitchen.org or 304.526.1257.

Medical students work to fulfill end-of-life wishes for hospice patients

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Medical students at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine are working through the DreamCatchers Foundation to fulfill the end-of-life wishes of terminally ill patients in partnership with Hospice of Huntington. By establishing a new chapter of DreamCatchers within the medical school, medical students at Marshall will gain valuable insights into compassionate care and support for those facing life-limiting illnesses.

“Empathy is a cornerstone of our training here at Marshall,” said Pooja Warriar, fourth-year medical student and president of the new DreamCatchers chapter. Through this partnership with the DreamCatchers Foundation and Hospice of Huntington, we hope to fulfill the meaningful dreams and aspirations of patients, allowing them to find

solace and happiness during their final days.”

The DreamCatchers Foundation, established in 2005, has been an instrumental force in fulfilling dreams ranging from simple wishes like reuniting with loved ones to more elaborate dreams like traveling to a cherished destination. The new Marshall chapter was officially chartered earlier this month and has already fulfilled its first dream. Donnie Adkins of Huntington, a veteran in hospice care, requested a flagpole in his front yard to represent those in his family who served the country. Veteran volunteers from American Legion Post 93 helped install the flagpole, and Sen. Michael A. Woelfel (D-Cabell) arranged for Adkins to receive a West Virginia flag that had been flown over the State Capitol.

“It was such an honor to be part of Donnie’s dream, hearing his story and celebrating this precious moment with him and his family,” Warrior said. “Looking ahead, it takes an entire community to make these dreams possible. Our chapter will partner with the local Hospice team and area businesses and organizations to help achieve the dreams of those in our community.

“Hospice of Huntington is pleased to partner with Marshall University to establish this new chapter,” said Melanie Hall, president and CEO of Hospice of Huntington. “We believe this chapter will bring much joy and fulfill many dreams for those individuals in hospice care. Likewise, DreamCatchers provides an opportunity for health science students to interact with patients and families in a very meaningful way.”

By participating in the DreamCatchers program, these aspiring medical professionals will be better equipped to understand the emotional and psychological needs of their future patients, fostering a more empathetic and holistic approach to care.

For more information or to request a dream, contact the local DreamCatchers chapter by e-mail at dreamcatchers2022-23@groups.marshall.edu.

Photo: Representatives of Marshall University’s chapter of the DreamCatchers Foundation fulfilled its first dream by installing a flagpole for Donnie Adkins of Huntington.

OUT WITH THE OLD AND

in with the new!



The **NEW MARSHALL STUDENT ACCOUNT CENTER*** is replacing the Marshall University CashTrack portal.

*During the transition, some financial services can still be processed through CashTrack.

Students should login to myMU to access the new system.

For more information contact Office of the Bursar at 304-696-6620.
www.marshall.edu/bursar



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link: www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/August-2-2023.
