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# WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University  
Faculty and Staff

August 16, 2023

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## **Alumnus Jim Smith and wife, Pam Kushmerick, give \$2 million to support Marshall for All program**

AUGUST 15, 2023

Marshall University and the Marshall University Foundation are have announced a transformative gift of \$2 million from alumnus and current Board of Governors member Jim Smith and his wife, Pam Kushmerick, to support the new Marshall for All program at the university.

This donation is a testament to their commitment to empowering students and fostering innovation at Marshall. The gift will be allocated to support Marshall for All, a revolutionary program designed to help students earn their degree from Marshall debt-free.

“President Smith has an inspiring vision for Marshall University,” Jim Smith said. “Marshall for All is an important part of his plan and it addresses one of the biggest issues in higher education today. Pam and I feel blessed to be in a position to support this effort. We are both first-generation college graduates, so we understand the challenges – but more importantly the rewards – of that journey.”

The Marshall for All program allows Marshall students to combine scholarships, grants, work opportunities and family contributions to earn their bachelor’s degrees without needing student loans. To qualify, students will need to complete a FAFSA annually and commit to actions such as graduating on time, pursuing work opportunities and participating in financial literacy programs.

The program, announced by Marshall University President Brad D. Smith in 2022, launched in the fall with new first-year West Virginians and metro area students. The university will scale up the program over the next decade.

President Smith expressed profound gratitude for the gift, which will help launch the program. “This remarkable gift exemplifies the boundless possibilities that arise when individuals passionately advocate for education. This gift will open doors to opportunity, elevate potential and extend the reach of our university’s impact in making Marshall the right choice for everyone.

We are immensely grateful to Jim and Pam for their extraordinary generosity and dedication to Marshall and its students.”

Jim Smith is the former president and CEO of information and media giant Thomson Reuters. He is a 1981 graduate of Marshall, which he attended on a football scholarship. He has been inducted into Marshall’s College of Business Hall of Fame and was awarded an honorary doctorate in humane letters by the university.

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## **FedEx gifts CF6 engine to Marshall’s Aviation Maintenance Technology program**

AUGUST 15, 2023

Transport and logistics giant FedEx has given a jet engine from its fleet of aircraft to the Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) program at Marshall University. The gift was announced Monday by the Marshall University Foundation.

The engine, a General Electric CF6 motor from a retired McDonnell Douglas DC-10 aircraft, will be used in the daily classroom instruction of AMT students as they work toward their powerplant certification.

“Donations like the CF6 allow our students to have hands-on experience working on large transport category aircraft systems,” said Jim Smith, director of the AMT program at Marshall. “The CF6 is one of the most common large transport category engines in the world and will be what most of our students will work on when they enter the industry. Having a partner like FedEx provides our program with materials that we may not be able to acquire otherwise and helps provide our students with options in the industry that will enrich the overall student experience.”

FedEx provides customers and businesses worldwide with a broad portfolio of transportation, e-commerce and business services. FedEx is world-renowned for its air delivery service, with a fleet of nearly 700 aircraft traveling to more than 220 countries and territories and a daily package volume of more than 6.3 million.

“FedEx is committed to supporting programs and aviation schools such as the fine one at Marshall University that enables students to explore the endless possibilities of careers in aircraft maintenance,” said Scott Ogden, vice president of aircraft maintenance at FedEx. “We need a new generation of technicians to keep the world flying, keep communities connected and keep the dream alive – that they, too, can soar with a career in aviation. FedEx donating retired aircraft, engines, and tools helps students have a more realistic approach to aircraft maintenance in their training.”

The Aviation Maintenance Technology program at Marshall, which launched in 2022 as a joint degree program with Mountwest Community and Technical College, provides training in aircraft maintenance technology, in which students learn to inspect, maintain and repair aircraft systems. The program, housed at Huntington’s Tri-State Airport, currently has 22 students, and is expected to grow to 30 for the fall semester.

The AMT program offers a two-year Associate in Applied Science degree through an 18-month, year-round program. Graduates receive an associate degree and are eligible to take the Airframe and Powerplant certification exams from the Federal Aviation Administration. The program is the first of its kind in the region.

Thanks to partners like FedEx, the program will only continue to grow to provide a strong workforce, both regionally and around the world.

“Because FedEx has such a large presence with their daily aircraft operations, we knew it was vital to partner together to provide a talented workforce for the industry,” Smith said. “When we were developing this program, FedEx asked what they could do to help our program and they generously offered this engine. We are grateful to FedEx for helping make an impact on our students.”

The AMT program is part of Marshall’s larger Division of Aviation, which also includes a professional pilot program through Marshall’s Bill Noe Flight School.

For further information, contact Jim Smith, director of the AMT program, by e-mail at [jsmith@marshall.edu](mailto:jsmith@marshall.edu) or by phone at 304-696-4832.

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## Marshall Marketplace to start this academic year

AUGUST 15, 2023



Brought to you by  **unimarket**  
New eProcurement solution to streamline purchases

 [www.marshall.edu/purchasing/marketplace](http://www.marshall.edu/purchasing/marketplace) 

Earlier this year, it was announced that Marshall University would be adopting a “Save to Serve” culture to eliminate waste and inefficiencies through a shared governance accountability model and by investing in e-procurement capabilities. As part of this process, the Office of Purchasing is implementing a new e-procurement solution by Unimarket that will streamline and standardize the

procure-to-pay processes on campus. This new system, called the **Marshall Marketplace**, will be implemented throughout the next year.

The Marshall Marketplace will modernize our spend management, including creating and approving requisitions and purchase orders, receiving goods and services, and processing invoices — all electronically. By moving to a “paperless” environment, we will not only save on costs, but also obtain a higher level of transparency, more easily monitor compliance, and achieve more efficiency, for the university and for the suppliers that we work with.

Some of the goals of the e-procurement initiative are to:

- Eliminate manual paper processes,
- Expedite the purchasing process through the use of supplier catalogs,
- Establish a campus-wide contract repository,
- Implement an electronic invoicing platform,
- Increase data collection and reporting ability, and
- Utilize university-wide reporting to negotiate better prices.

Over the next several months, the Office of Purchasing will partner with individual departments to set up and implement the use of the Marshall Marketplace with a goal of all university purchases being made through the Marshall Marketplace by July 2024.

Updates will be provided throughout the implementation process via the We Are ... Marshall newsletter, campus e-mail and on the purchasing website at [www.marshall.edu/purchasing/marketplace](http://www.marshall.edu/purchasing/marketplace).

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## School of Pharmacy accreditation extended

AUGUST 15, 2023

The [Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education](http://www.acpe-accreditation.org) (ACPE) has extended the accreditation term for the Marshall School of Pharmacy doctoral program through June 30, 2030.

Program accreditation provides a national basis for quality assurance. Marshall University’s pharmacy doctorate is one of three ACPE-accredited programs in West Virginia. The program first earned accreditation status in 2016 when it was awarded the initial two-year term standard for new programs. The accreditation process includes on-site evaluations and written reports and other communication from the School of Pharmacy.

“A seven-year ACPE accreditation reaffirms our pharmacy school’s dedication to providing sustained quality education, fostering innovation and producing skilled pharmacists equipped for the evolving health care landscape,” said Dr. Eric Blough, dean of the School of Pharmacy.

The School of Pharmacy opened in 2012 and graduated its first class in 2016. There are currently 535 alumni of the Pharm.D. program. Additional information about the School of Pharmacy is available at [www.marshall.edu/pharmacy](http://www.marshall.edu/pharmacy).

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# 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](http://www.Huntingtons-kitchen.org) or 304.526.1257.

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KNOW YOUR IX DAY  
TITLE IX K9s  
**Paws on Parade!**  
August 22, 2023

Join our march around campus with adoptable pets as we bring awareness to Title IX. Your pets are welcome to join in the fun!

Stop by to meet adoptable dogs and cats

MEET AND GREET WITH ADVOCATES  
SAVING ADOPTABLE PETS  
East Lawn - 2:00PM-4:30PM

PAWS ON PARADE  
Parade line up: East Lawn 3:45PM  
Parade begins: 4:00PM

Sponsored by: Title IX Office.



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**Desiree Sanchez**

Aquila's Artistic Director since 2012, Desiree breathes life into classics. Highlights include *Pride & Prejudice* (2023), *Macbeth*, *The Great Gatsby* (2022), and more. From dance to theater, her dynamic career includes choreography for *Julius Caesar* (2006) and *The Comedy of Errors* (2008). An MA candidate at Royal Holloway, her creative journey evolves.

# THE ODYSSEY AND HOMECOMING:

A PARTICIPATORY WORKSHOP WITH DESIREE SANCHEZ,  
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, AQUILA THEATER

**August 24th | 4:30 - 5:30 pm**

Francis Booth Experimental Theater

1696 6TH AVE, HUNTINGTON

[www.marshall.edu/testament](http://www.marshall.edu/testament)

Sponsored by the Department of Academic Affairs,  
the College of Liberal Arts and the WV Humanities Council.



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## Drinko Library will be raving Sept. 19!

AUGUST 15, 2023

On Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 5 to 8 p.m., a silent rave and resource fair will take place in the Drinko Atrium. Library staff realized that National Talk Like a Pirate Day, National Dance Day and Batman Day all fall within the same week, so they are encouraging attendees and people involved to dress up if they'd like.

The library is currently looking for campus resources that would be interesting in tabling for the event. Additionally, they plan to raffle prizes off for students who attend. Any campus resource group that donates to the raffle will have the opportunity to design a playlist option students can listen to. This will be a great, low-stress way to introduce your department to students through shared musical taste. If you would be interested in tabling for the event and/or making a donation, fill out the form located [here](#).

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**Peter Meineck**

Discover the visionary who rejuvenates ancient drama for today's world. His dedication also reaches veterans through the Warrior Chorus program, offering catharsis and camaraderie to those who served.

# WARRIOR MIND:

COMBAT TRAUMA FROM ANCIENT AND MODERN PERSPECTIVES

August 24th | 6:00 pm

Francis Booth Experimental Theater

1696 6TH AVE, HUNTINGTON

Lecture, Panel Discussion and refreshments.  
Free and open to the public.

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## Regional summit to explore critical interventions for emerging threat of xylazine in the opioid crisis

AUGUST 15, 2023



**Opioid Response Network**

### Xylazine & Overdose Prevention

An ORN Regional Summit

**FREE** MARSHALL UNIVERSITY MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER ROOM BE5

**Emerging public safety threat**

Xylazine has been around for almost a decade, but there has been a sharp increase of fentanyl mixed with xylazine. There is a need to change interventions in outreach, harm reduction, symptom treatment, overdose, and withdrawal, especially in high risk, under-resourced communities.

**Sessions include:**

- Wound care
- Outreach to persons unstably housed Test strips
- Collegiate recovery
- BIPOC & LGBTQ communities
- How to work together

**FRIDAY AUGUST 25, 2023**

**8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**REGISTER NOW!**

Scan QR Code to register!



**WV Behavioral Health Workforce and Health Equity Training Center**




Questions? Email: [ddoherty@danyainstitute.org](mailto:ddoherty@danyainstitute.org)

The West Virginia Behavioral Health Workforce and Health Equity Training Center (also known as the training center), an initiative of the Marshall University Center of Excellence for Recovery, is hosting: “Xylazine, Overdose, and Underserved Communities: An ORN Regional Summit.” This summit, organized in collaboration with the Opioid Response Network (ORN), is set to take place from 8

a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, at the Marshall University Memorial Student Center in room BE5.

In response to the escalating concerns surrounding the use of xylazine, a tranquilizer increasingly linked to overdose-related deaths across the United States, the ORN approached Dr. Kari Mika-



Lude, director of the training center, with the opportunity to provide an in-person summit specifically focusing on this emerging threat.

While xylazine has been in use for nearly a decade, there has been an alarming increase of fentanyl mixed with xylazine. Notably, the largest increases have been observed in southern states, as indicated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In April 2023, the White House's Office on National Drug Control Policy officially designated xylazine as an emerging threat within the ongoing opioid crisis.

The summit aims to bring communities together to discuss and strategize interventions in outreach, harm reduction, symptom treatment, overdose prevention and withdrawal management. This focus is particularly crucial for high-risk and under-resourced communities that are disproportionately affected by this new challenge.

Sessions at the summit will include:

- Wound Care
- Outreach to Persons Unstably Housed
- Test Strips
- Collegiate Recovery
- BIPOC and LGBTQ Communities
- How to Work Together

The event is free for all attendees. In-person attendance is especially encouraged for those providing direct care to persons who may be using or at risk of using xylazine, such as those in health care, EMS, QRT and addiction/prevention professions. To register visit <https://bit.ly/3KA8Mlm>.

Livestreaming will also be available for anyone else who is interested in learning more. To register for the livestream, visit [wvbhtraining.org/trainings/](http://wvbhtraining.org/trainings/).

For questions, e-mail [ddoherty@danyainstitute.org](mailto:ddoherty@danyainstitute.org).

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## **Marshall students lead nation on FSAT**

AUGUST 15, 2023

Students from Marshall University's forensic science master's degree program once again achieved the highest collective score in the nation on the Forensic Science Aptitude Test (FSAT), administered by the American Board of Criminalistics and used by students to demonstrate their knowledge of forensic science to potential employers.

The test includes 200 questions in 20 categories covering all crime laboratory disciplines as well as ethics, law and safety. Marshall's second-year students have led the nation on this test for 12 of the past 14 years.

“Reflecting on the last 14 years our students have been taking the FSAT, I am extremely proud of the students’ performance on the exam,” said Dr. Terry Fenger, founding director of the program. “The quality of the students, the program and forensic science faculty are reflected in this continued excellence.”

Faculty could not be prouder of their performance, said the program’s current director, Dr. Lauren Waugh.

“We see their dedication and passion for the field of forensic science, and it is gratifying to see their hard work pay off,” she said.

The exam covers all forensic crime laboratory disciplines. Marshall’s program offers four areas of emphasis: DNA analysis, forensic chemistry, digital forensics, and crime scene investigation.

“Those areas are covered on the FSAT, but not all students take all areas of emphasis. Our students are applying the information they are receiving through teaching, research and internships very well,” Waugh said.

To learn more about Marshall’s M.S. in forensic science program, visit <https://www.marshall.edu/forensics/>.

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## **Free Saturday sports medicine screening clinics to start Aug. 26**

AUGUST 15, 2023

[Marshall Health](#) will offer weekly Saturday sports medicine screening clinics, beginning Aug. 26, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Marshall Sports Medicine Institute, 2211 Third Avenue in Huntington.

Experienced sports medicine physicians and staff from Marshall Orthopaedics, Marshall Family Medicine and Cabell Huntington Hospital provide free evaluations and assessments on orthopaedic conditions or injuries and advise on next steps. Treatment is not provided during the evaluation. Patients will be charged for any bracing or imaging services and readings.

In addition, the Marshall Sports Medicine Institute offers walk-in availability for standard appointments 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Clinics are open to athletes and active people of all ages. No appointment is necessary. Patients are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Saturday screening clinics run Aug. 26 through Dec. 9 and Jan. 13, 2024, through May 11, 2024, except Thanksgiving and Easter weekends.

For more information, contact the Marshall Sports Medicine Institute at 304-691-1880 or visit [www.marshallsportsmedicine.org](http://www.marshallsportsmedicine.org).

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Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine  
presents

# Margaritaville

## It's Five O'clock Somewhere!

Standing Out in Our Field 8  
Saturday, August 26, 2023  
Barboursville Park Soccer Complex | Music by: Santa Cruz

Title Sponsor:  MOUNTAIN HEALTH NETWORK

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## Tutoring positions available for Buck Harless Student-Athlete program

AUGUST 15, 2023



  
**TUTORS FOR HIRE**  
The Buck Harless Student-Athlete Program  
is looking for tutors & academic mentors  
for the 2023-2024 SY  
email [TheBuck@marshall.edu](mailto:TheBuck@marshall.edu) to learn more

The Buck Harless Student-Athlete Program is looking for tutors and academic mentors who are in good academic standing and are interested in helping enhance the educational growth of our student-athletes. The Buck Harless Student-Athlete Program (BHSAP) was created to help all Marshall student-athletes balance their academic and athletic demands. The BHSAP assists student-athletes through daily services, individualized guidance, and current curriculum information to achieve their goals. Any interested students can contact [TheBuck@marshall.edu](mailto:TheBuck@marshall.edu) for more information.

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## MARSHALL BARK BOXES ARE HERE!



**BOX INCLUDES LEASH, WATER BOWL,  
DOG TAG, FRISBEE, BANDANA AND CAR  
STICKER**

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