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# WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University  
Faculty and Staff

August 30, 2023

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## **Marshall Health, Marshall University, Mountain Health Network boards approve new name for integrated academic health system**

AUGUST 29, 2023

The Marshall Health, Marshall University and Mountain Health Network governing boards earlier this month voted unanimously to approve a single name for the newly integrated academic health system — Marshall Health Network, Inc.

Leaders from the three organizations will discuss the integration and evolution of the new health system during the West Virginia Chamber Business Summit this week in White Sulphur Springs.

The integrated academic health system will consist of Mountain Health Network's four hospitals: Cabell Huntington Hospital, St. Mary's Medical Center, Hoops Family Children's Hospital and Rivers Health; its ambulatory facilities, medical offices and employed physician practices; and Marshall Health's physician practice and its facilities.

The adoption of the Marshall brand allows for the next step in realizing the vision of an integrated academic health system. Marshall Health Network best reflects the shared purpose of the three entities, while also unifying their identities and reaffirming their strength as a collective, harnessing the full potential of their focus on education, clinical care and research.

The three entities are continuing their due diligence and are working toward a definitive agreement by Oct. 1. A staff and community event will be held later this fall to celebrate the agreement's completion.

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### *About Marshall University*

Marshall University is a comprehensive public university with a rich history as one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in West Virginia. Founded in 1837, Marshall University advances

the public good through innovative, accredited educational programs. With a student population of close to 12,000 students, Marshall offers more than 150 undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs and is designated as a Carnegie Institute R2 high research activity university.

### *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 throughout the region through more than 40 outpatient clinics in 13 counties and telemedicine. To learn more, visit [marshallhealth.org](http://marshallhealth.org).

### *About Mountain Health*

Mountain Health Network is a West Virginia-based not-for-profit health delivery system comprised of Cabell Huntington Hospital, a 303-bed teaching hospital for Marshall University Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy and Nursing; St. Mary's Medical Center, a 393-bed teaching hospital that operates St. Mary's Schools of Nursing, Respiratory Care and Medical Imaging; Hoops Family Children's Hospital, a 72-bed pediatric specialty hospital within Cabell Huntington Hospital; HIMG, an 80-member multi-specialty physician group; and Rivers Health, a 101 acute-bed hospital. Mountain Health is committed to improving the health and well-being of over one million children and adults in 40 counties in West Virginia, southern Ohio, and eastern Kentucky through understanding, respecting, and meeting their needs. For more information, visit [www.mountainhealthnetwork.org](http://www.mountainhealthnetwork.org).

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## **Dobbs-Dikener-Botes Trio to perform on flute, cello and piano tonight**

AUGUST 29, 2023

Marshall University  
SCHOOL OF MUSIC  
presents

### MUSICAL FAMILY

The Dobbs-Dikener-Botes Trio returns to stage with an exciting and diverse program featuring works by J. S. Bach, Johann N. Hummel and the French Impressionist composer Louis Vierne.

Wednesday, Aug. 30  
7:30 p.m.  
Jomie Jazz Forum

Free and open to all

Featuring  
Wendell Dobbs, flute  
Şölen Dikener, cello  
Johan Botes, piano

Sponsored by the School of Music in the College of Arts and Media  
www.marshall.edu

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The Marshall University School of Music will present "Musical Family," a faculty trio recital featuring Wendell Dobbs on flute, Şölen Dikener on cello and Johan Botes on piano at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, in the Jomie Jazz Forum, which is adjacent to the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Dobbs-Dikener-Botes Trio returns to stage with this exciting and diverse program featuring works by J. S. Bach, Johann N. Hummel and the French female composer Louise Farrenc.

“Our program features a couple of different musical families,” Dobbs said. “There’s the Bach family ... in this case, the father Johann Sebastian and his son Carl Philip Emanuel come to mind. But musical families can also be students and teachers, such as Louise Dumont Farrenc, who studied with Johann Nepomuk Hummel, both of whom are represented on the program. We hope all will enjoy this program of musical families from the 18th and 19th centuries.”

The recital is sponsored by the School of Music in the College of Arts and Media. All are welcome.

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## **Marshall Health among best employers in West Virginia according to Forbes**

AUGUST 29, 2023

Marshall Health has been named to the 2023 list of “America’s Best Employers by State” by Forbes magazine.

Forbes partnered with the market research firm Statista to survey 70,000 employees across the United States at companies with more than 500 employees.

Surveys were conducted anonymously, asking employees to rate their employer overall and in categories such as work environment, gender pay equity, opportunities for advancement, pride in the company’s product or services and more.

“We are delighted to receive this recognition from Forbes,” said Beth L. Hammers, M.B.A., CEO of Marshall Health. “Our faculty and staff work hard to serve our patients, students and community. They truly make Marshall Health a great place to work!”

The full methodology and complete list of America’s Best Employers by State is available at <https://www.forbes.com/lists/best-employers-by-state>. Marshall Health is the 18th largest private employer in West Virginia with 1,765 employees.

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## **Staff/Faculty Appreciation Game to take place Sept. 2**

AUGUST 29, 2023

The season-opening Marshall Football vs. Albany game set for Saturday, September 2nd at 6:00 p.m. has been designated as the annual Marshall University staff & faculty appreciation game!

All Marshall University staff & faculty are eligible to receive **two (2) complimentary game tickets**.

To claim your tickets, please fill out the form here: <https://app.herdzone.com/staff-appreciation-game>

All claimed tickets will be sent to your email before the game.

**The deadline to submit for the complimentary tickets is Wednesday, August 30th.**

For all questions, please contact the Marshall Ticket Office at 800-THE-HERD during normal office hours (M-F, 9-4).

We look forward to seeing you at The Joan!

GO HERD!

### **Football Game Information**

**OPPONENT:** Albany

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Joan C. Edwards Stadium

[www.herdzone.com](http://www.herdzone.com)

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## **Deadline for honors seminar proposals for Spring 2024 is Tuesday Sept. 5**

AUGUST 29, 2023

What is a course that you dream of doing? The Honors College provides faculty of programs from across the university the opportunity to design and teach Honors Seminars on subjects that inspire them, but that they may not have the opportunity to teach within their regular teaching duties. Faculty in our small sections of HON 480 work with outstanding, highly-motivated students to actively explore a subject together from an interdisciplinary approach. The college serves the entire university with majors in all programs. The Honors College provides a space where people from all over the university come together to share ideas. We are an academic crossroads where collaboration is foundational.

The Honors College new seminar proposal and repeat seminar application deadline is Tuesday 05 September 2023. Proposals for **new** upper-level, interdisciplinary honors seminars to be taught as early as Spring 2024 can be submitted online through a form found on the Teaching Honors page of the Honors College website at <https://www.marshall.edu/honors/teaching/>. Full details and helpful information for preparing proposals are available there. Accepted proposals are scheduled as special topic sections of HON 480, which serves as a core upper-division course in the required Honors Curriculum for students in the college. Seminar proposals undergo review by the Honors College Curriculum and Policy Committee at least one semester prior to the semester in which an approved seminar will be offered. For faculty who have previously taught sections of HON 480, a shorter **repeat** (or updated) application is also due on that date. **Please note that all Student Credit Hours (SCH) for faculty teaching HON courses will be credited to their home department.** If you are interested in teaching for the Honors College, but not sure if you are ready to submit a proposal for review next semester, please reach out to discuss your ideas with us at [honorscollege@marshall.edu](mailto:honorscollege@marshall.edu). Thank you for your interest in contributing to the mission of honors education at Marshall.

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# MU ALERT

SIGN UP BEFORE THE CAMPUS-WIDE TEST • WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

**Used solely for the purpose of alerting the Marshall University community in an emergency.**

- Situations threatening the safety and security of our campuses
- Campus closings due to emergency situations including inclement weather

## HOW TO SIGN UP

1. Go to myMU and log in
2. Click the  on the QuickLink menu
3. Enter/Update your contact information
4. Click 'Save' to finish registration

[www.marshall.edu/emergency/mualert](http://www.marshall.edu/emergency/mualert)



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**MARSHALL UNIVERSITY**  
**STUDY ABROAD FAIR**  
MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER LOBBY  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 | 10 AM - 2 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES AT 304-696-6229



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# SUFFER FROM NECK OR UPPER BACK PAIN?

Cervical Spine (Neck) Course  
September 8-10th



You or anyone you know experiencing neck or upper back pain that doesn't resolve? Join the School of Physical Therapy for a free assessment & treatment from the McKenzie Institute.



For more information, contact Brad Profitt,  
304-696-5619 or [profit2@marshall.edu](mailto:profit2@marshall.edu).



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## 2023 CONSTITUTION CELEBRATION


**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE: \$1,000**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE: \$500**

### 2023 Dan O'Hanlon Essay Competition

For the 2023 Essay Question, contest rules, and other details, visit:  
[www.marshall.edu/spc](http://www.marshall.edu/spc)

**Submission Deadline:**  
September 11, 2023



**Awards Ceremony:**  
September 25, 2023

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## KERMIT ROOSEVELT III

*THE NATION THAT NEVER WAS:  
RECONSTRUCTING AMERICA'S STORY*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

BRAD D. SMITH FOUNDATION HALL | 7:00 PM

WEST VIRGINIA  
HUMANITIES COUNCIL

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## Information Session for 2024 John Marshall Leadership Fellows to take place Sept. 13

AUGUST 29, 2023

*John Marshall Leadership Fellows*  
accepting applications for Spring 2024 Cohort.  
**Open to Faculty and Staff**  
**Deadline: September 22, 2023**

Spring 2024 Topic:  
Designing the Future of the Marshall Experience



To submit your application,  
visit [www.marshall.edu/leadership-fellows](http://www.marshall.edu/leadership-fellows)

For more information, email: [JMLFP@marshall.edu](mailto:JMLFP@marshall.edu)  
Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning



An informational meeting is being offered for anyone interested in learning about the Spring 2024 John Marshall Leadership Fellows cohort. Interested faculty and staff will have the opportunity to meet some of the program facilitators and to learn more about the program and the application process.

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 | 3:00-4:00 p.m. | MSC Shawkey Dining Room

[For those who cannot attend the meeting in person, please use the following link to join the meeting: [Click here to join the meeting](#)]

Applications for the Spring 2024 John Marshall Leadership Fellows cohort are available here: <https://www.marshall.edu/leadership-fellows/application-process/>. The deadline to apply is Sept. 22.

## Standing Out in Our Field raises more than \$100,000 for medical student scholarships

AUGUST 29, 2023

The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine's Standing Out In Our Field fundraiser takes place on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at the Barboursville Soccer Complex.



The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine's Standing Out in Our Field (SOIOF) 8 raised more than \$100,000 for its student scholarship endowment. The annual event was held Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Barboursville Soccer Complex.

“It’s always wonderful to see the community come out to support our future physicians,” said Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs at the School of Medicine. “Since our inaugural SOIOF event in 2014, we’ve invested nearly \$900,000 into an endowment fund that provides medical student scholarships.”

More than 500 guests enjoyed the “Margaritaville”-themed fundraising event and outdoor dining experience featuring music by Santa Cruz, dancing and a gourmet Caribbean menu by Cabell Huntington Hospital’s Executive Chef Don Sallada. The event’s title sponsor was Mountain Health Network, the school’s major teaching hospital partner. Seventy medical students and future medical students from the B.S./M.D. and M.D. Early Assurance programs were volunteer servers.



“It was a privilege to volunteer at this event,” said Jentre Hyde, a fourth-year medical student from Parkersburg, West Virginia. “Scholarships are vital to decreasing student debt.” The event’s title sponsor was Mountain Health Network, the school’s major teaching hospital partner. Additional sponsors were: Marshall University Research Center, Valley Health Systems, Champion Industries, E.P. Leach and Sons, Logan Regional Medical, Center / Scion Health, OVP Health, Radiology Inc., Retina Consultants, Wilmlink Smith Cline Wealth Advisors, Dr. Maurice and Diane Mufson, Hammers Industries, Holzer Health System, Humana, Mag Mutual Insurance, Marshall Health, Ohio Valley Bank, Shuman McCuskey Slicer, Edward Architects, Pinnacle Health Group, WVU Medicine – Thomas Hospitals, Boone Memorial Health, Peak Health, River Park Hospital, Mr. Greg and Mrs. Terry Deppner Hardin, King Spirits and Woodman Life.

Next year’s Standing Out in Our Field event will be Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024, at Barboursville Park Soccer Complex. For more information or to make a gift to the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, please contact Linda Holmes by phone at at 304-691-1711 or by e-mail at [holmes@marshall.edu](mailto:holmes@marshall.edu).

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*Photos: (SOIOF8\_08-26-23\_1.jpg) Medical students and future medical students from the B.S./M.D. and M.D. Early Assurance programs volunteered to serve at the 2023 Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine’s Standing Out in Our Field event, which raises funds for medical student scholarships. (SOIOF8\_08-26-23\_2.jpg) More than 500 guests enjoyed Standing Out in Our Field 2023, a “Margaritaville”- themed School of Medicine fundraising event featuring music, dancing and a gourmet Caribbean menu.*



**ECHO** Exploring Careers and Highlighting Occupations  
September 13th, Wednesday  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**JCPenney Suit Up**  
October 1st, Sunday  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
JCPenney's at the  
Huntington Mall

**CAREER FAIR**  
Career Fair  
October 4th, Wednesday  
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Rec Center

**ETIQUETTE DINNER**  
Etiquette Dinner  
October 17th, Tuesday  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
MSC - Don Morris Room  
Limited seating.  
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(Free Event)

**Marshall University**  
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**Fall 2023**  
**EVENTS**

For more information, contact Jennifer Brown  
at 304-696-2370 or [career@marshall.edu](mailto:career@marshall.edu)

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## Nomination period for faculty awards underway

AUGUST 29, 2023

2023-2024 MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

**Faculty Awards**

Nominations will be accepted through September 15th for the following faculty awards:

Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award  
Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award  
Pickens-Queen Teacher Award  
Council of Chairs Award for Excellence in Teaching

PLEASE SCAN QR CODE FOR THE ONLINE NOMINATION FORM AND GUIDELINES.

Sponsored by Academic Affairs  
Center for Teaching and Learning

Nominations for Marshall University Faculty Awards for the 2023-2024 academic year will be accepted through September 15, 2023.

Access the online nomination form here: [NOMINATION FORM](#)

**Nomination guidelines:**

**Faculty, staff and administration** may nominate a faculty member for the following awards:

- Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award
- Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award
- Pickens-Queen Teacher Award

**Students** may nominate a faculty member for the following awards:

- Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award
- Pickens-Queen Teacher Award

**ONLY members of the Council of Chairs** may nominate a faculty member for the Council of Chairs Award.

*Brief descriptions of each award are provided below. For additional information, click on the award name.*

#### [Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award](#)

**The \$5,000 award is the most prestigious form of faculty recognition at Marshall University.**

#### **Eligible Nominees**

- must be in a full-time, tenured appointment in a unit that reports to Academic Affairs;
- must have a minimum of seven years of full-time teaching experience at Marshall University (*a person is first eligible for nomination in the fall of the 8th year*);
- must have a record of outstanding scholarship, research and/or creative activity plus outstanding undergraduate or graduate teaching.

#### [Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award](#)

The \$3000 award is presented to a faculty member who demonstrates superior teaching.

#### **Eligible Nominees**

- must be in a full-time tenured appointment in a unit that reports to Academic Affairs;
- must have a minimum of six years of credited full-time teaching experience, at least three of which are at Marshall. (For the purposes of this award, “credited full-time teaching experience” refers to the total years of experience that Academic Affairs counts as part of a faculty member’s tenured or tenure-track appointment at Marshall University.)

#### [Pickens-Queen Teacher Award](#)

**The \$1000 award** provides encouragement and incentive for teaching achievement by newer faculty members and **is presented to three junior faculty members.**

#### **Eligible Nominees**

- must be in a full-time tenure-track appointment in a unit that reports to Academic Affairs;
- must have at least one year full-time, tenure-track teaching experience at Marshall and no more than five years of credited full-time teaching experience. (For the purposes of this award, “credited full-time teaching experience” refers to the total years of experience that Academic Affairs counts as part of a faculty member’s tenured or tenure-track appointment at Marshall University.)

#### [Council of Chairs Award for Excellence in Teaching](#)

The \$1000 award has been established to recognize teaching excellence in Marshall University’s full-time term and temporary faculty. Nominations for this award must be submitted by department chairs or the Council of Chairs. Each fall, members of the Council of

Chairs (excepting the School of Medicine) will be permitted to nominate up to two candidates from a given department.

Eligible Nominees:

- must be in a full-time *term* or full-time *temporary* faculty appointment;
- must have at least two years' full-time teaching at Marshall University. A person is first eligible for nomination in the fall of the 3rd year of teaching.

For questions, contact [ctl@marshall.edu](mailto:ctl@marshall.edu).

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A promotional banner for the Office of National Scholarships. The background is a dark green color with a low-angle photograph of a brick building. The text is in white and green. The main title 'OFFICE OF NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS' is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below it, the text reads: 'Know of an exceptional student that might be a good candidate for a national or international competitive award? **Let us know.** Or if you want to play a role in working with students to apply for awards, **contact us by scanning the QR code.**' A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the banner.

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Or if you want to play a role in working with students to apply for awards, **contact us by scanning the QR code.**



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Join Marshall Libraries for a book club

# WELL-READ AND UNDEAD

SEPT. 21 | 6 P.M. | LOBBY OF DRINKO LIBRARY

The book club meets in person this time and will discuss *How to Sell a Haunted House* by Grady Hendrix. All current members and new members welcome!



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- How do I take income from my retirement account once I stop working?

TIAA will be available these dates and times for one-on-one sessions.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, Sep 19, 2023	11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Memorial Student Center, Room 2W9
Wednesday, Sep 20, 2023	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Memorial Student Center, Room 2W9
Tuesday, Oct 17, 2023	11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Memorial Student Center, Room 2W9
Wednesday, Oct 18, 2023	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Memorial Student Center, Room 2W9
Tuesday, Nov 14, 2023	11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Memorial Student Center, Room 2W9
Wednesday, Nov 15, 2023	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Memorial Student Center, Room 2W9
Tuesday, Dec 12, 2023	11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Memorial Student Center, Room 2W9
Wednesday, Dec 13, 2023	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Memorial Student Center, Room 2W9



RSVP today, as space is limited. Register for sessions at [www.tiaa.org/schedulenow](http://www.tiaa.org/schedulenow) or by calling 800-732-8353, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (ET). We look forward to working with you.

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## Marshall Health names new department administrators for pediatrics, psychiatry

AUGUST 29, 2023



Angela Myhrwold (pictured at left) has been named department administrator for Marshall Psychiatry. She joined Marshall Health in 2015 as an operations analyst before being named operations manager in 2019. Prior to joining Marshall Health, she served as the director of marketing and public relations at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa, Kentucky, for nine years.

Myhrwold oversees the day-to-day operations, administrative and human resources functions of Marshall

Psychiatry and Behavioral Health, a 20-physician, 24-resident clinical department of Marshall Health. In addition to general adult, child and adolescent psychiatry the department also specializes in intellectual and developmental disorders, a memory disorders and dementia clinic, and psychologic testing for adults and children. The Marshall Psychiatry team provides outpatient psychiatry and/or psychology services and therapy to the Cabell Huntington Hospital Recovery Center, Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center, Marshall University Campus Counseling Center, Southern Highlands as well as inpatient services at Cabell Huntington Hospital, St. Mary's Medical Center, Lakin Hospital and Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital.

A native of Huntington, West Virginia, Myhrwold earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Marshall University.

Cole Woodrum has been named department administrator for Marshall Pediatrics. Woodrum is a two-time graduate of Marshall University with a bachelor's degree in business marketing and a master's degree in business administration. He previously worked as a business analyst in the orthopaedics and general surgery departments at Marshall Health. Prior to his work with Marshall Health, he held various positions with Marshall University Athletics, with the most recent being assistant athletic director. Woodrum also serves as a board member for the Quarterback Club of Huntington.

In his new role, Woodrum oversees the day-to-day operations, administrative and human resources functions of Marshall Pediatrics, which includes more than 40 physicians and four clinic locations in Huntington, Barboursville and Teays Valley.

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## Homecoming Office decorating contest to take place Sept. 28

AUGUST 29, 2023



Homecoming is just around the corner, and we want to see your school spirit! Marshall University Alumni Association's Annual Homecoming Office Decorating Contest is back and will take place during Homecoming Week with the theme of "Super Marco: Level Up," which celebrates the history of video games throughout the years, as well as celebrating Marshall "leveling up" in stature.

Attached is the Office Decoration Notice with the complete rules for the contest. Office judging will take place on **Thursday, Sept. 28, beginning at 9 a.m.** The deadline for submissions will be **Monday, Sept. 25.**

What does "Super Marco: Level Up" mean to you? In thinking about the theme, keep in mind classic and contemporary video games, arcade games, movies and TV shows, as well as the different ways Marshall has "leveled up" the past few years. Judging will be done in the three categories of creativity, attractiveness and theme, with prizes going to the best in each category. An overall winner in the large office and small office categories will be determined by the judges and will receive the coveted Marco Trophy. Winners will be announced during the livestream broadcast of the Homecoming Parade, which will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29. Participants should arrive in front of Corbly Hall prior to the broadcast. A definitive time for the announcement during the broadcast will be shared at a later date.

Follow <https://www.formarshallu.org/homecoming-office-decoration/> to register your office for all of the fun or contact Rebecca Stephens by phone at 304-696-3424 or by e-mail at [rebecca.stephens@marshall.edu](mailto:rebecca.stephens@marshall.edu) with any questions.

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## Festival offers \$10,000 in prizes to makers of all ages

AUGUST 29, 2023



To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the West Virginia Makes Festival, the Marshall Advanced Manufacturing Center (MAMC) is offering \$10,000 in cash prizes to winners of this year's Design Challenge.

Artisans, inventors, manufacturers, students and makers of all kinds are encouraged to enter their creations by participating in the Oct. 6

festival on the Huntington campus of Marshall University, said Kara Mullins, Makes Festival coordinator.

“We want to make this year’s festival the biggest and best yet,” Mullins said. “To encourage more participation from across West Virginia and beyond, we’re offering the largest prize cache ever. People of all ages are eligible to compete for a share of the money.”

Multiple prizes will be awarded in adult and youth categories, including a \$5,000 cash award to the adult champion, \$1,000 to the youth champion and \$500 to the People’s Choice winner, as voted on by festivalgoers.

“This is a celebration of creativity and ingenuity in all forms,” Mullins said. “That why we encourage makers of all ages, from elementary school-age children to retired adults to demonstrate their creations, whatever they are.”

This year, West Virginia’s largest maker fair coincides with National Manufacturing Day. Mullins urged manufacturers of all types to participate in the festival to represent the state’s rich history of manufacturing.

“There are a variety of ways to participate in the Makes Festival,” Mullins explained. “In addition to the Design Challenge, individuals can demonstrate their creations, register as exhibitors and offer information about how they support makers, provide making activities or games, or attend as a school or other group. We want everyone who can come to join us and enjoy all the festival has to offer, from hands-on making activities, virtual reality and robotics to music and even a *splat-tacular* pumpkin drop presented by the June Harless Center at Marshall University!”



There is no cost to participate in the festival but Design Challengers, exhibitors and groups are asked to register at [www.mfg.marshall.edu/wvmf2023](http://www.mfg.marshall.edu/wvmf2023). Design challengers and other makers are welcome to sell their creations during the event.

The 10th anniversary Makes Festival is made possible through the generous financial support of title sponsor West Virginia American Water. For more information, contact Mullins at [kara.mullins@mfg.marshall.edu](mailto:kara.mullins@mfg.marshall.edu) or 304-781-1624.

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed Sept. 6, 2023. Please send items for consideration to [WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu](mailto:WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu) by noon Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023.

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