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The Newsletter for Marshall University
Faculty and Staff

September 13, 2023

Message from the President: Bystander Intervention training

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023



Dear Marshall Community,

As you may recall, one of the [recommendations of the student-led Title IX Task Force](#) last spring was yearly Bystander Intervention training for faculty, staff and student organizations.

Over the past few months, our Prevention & Response Program and the Women's and Gender Center, in conjunction with the Title IX Office, have been making this important training available to the university community.

The course is designed to provide members of our university community with tools we can use to help prevent sexual violence, including recognizing and stopping situations before they happen, stepping in during an incident, and speaking out against ideas and

behaviors that support sexual violence.

I encourage each of you to demonstrate your commitment to making Marshall University a safer place to learn, work and live by attending this training at your earliest convenience.

The course is offered in both in-person and virtual formats. The schedule of remaining trainings being offered this semester is as follows:

- **Sept. 19**, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (virtual)
- **Oct. 3**, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (in-person)
- **Oct. 24**, 1-2:15 p.m. (virtual)
- **Nov. 6**, Noon-1:15 p.m. (virtual)
- **Nov. 15**, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (in-person)

- **Dec. 12**, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (in-person)

Reservations for the course may be made using the [online registration form](#).

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Brad
Brad D. Smith, President

Marshall's annual Constitution Celebration underway

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023



Marshall is hosting multiple events as part of its annual Constitution Celebration.

Since 2004, Marshall's observation of Constitution Week, sponsored by the John Deaver Drinko Academy and in partnership with the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, has included a broad array of activities designed to advance civic literacy, model civil discourse and reinforce respect for the rule of law. The Constitution Celebration also helps build and maintain Marshall's positive and lively

campus culture.

“One important part of a college education involves preparing students to exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship,” said Dr. Montserrat Miller, executive director of the Drinko Academy. “During our annual U.S. Constitution Celebration, we offer non-partisan programs designed to build student appreciation for the culture of democratic self-government. Our republican system of government –at the local, the state, and the national levels—depends on informed citizen participation.”

Some of the remaining activities this year include the following:

- **Open Quoits Tournament**
Students, Faculty, Staff and Alumni Teams vie for WV State Quoits Championship
4 p.m.- 6 p.m., Monday, Sept.18-Thursday, Sept.21.
Buskirk Field
Sign up to play at: <https://www.marshall.edu/drinko/quoits/quoits-registration/>

- National Voter Registration Day
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19
Memorial Student Center Plaza
- Dan O’Hanlon Essay Competition Awards Ceremony
5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 25
Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, Old Main Room 314
- First Amendment Forum (in collaboration with the Office of the President)
7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 27
Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre, Joan C. Edwards Playhouse
- Media Quoits Challenge
11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29
Area journalists, elected officials and civic leaders vs. campus teams

Photo: Members of the Marshall University Fife and Drum Corps prior to 2021 Quoits Play.

Marshall to increase Green & White Day open house opportunities

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

The Office of Admissions and Recruitment will host an increased number of Green & White Days this fall, giving prospective students throughout the region even more opportunities to experience their moment at Marshall.

The university will host Green & White Day Open House events on:

- Sept. 23
- Oct. 21
- Nov. 10 and 11

Green & White Day events provide students the opportunity to get a preview of what their Marshall Moment could look like. Events include an academic showcase to help prospective students find their academic path. Students and parents will hear from faculty, staff, students and other Marshall parents from a variety of insights related to the college experience.

While on the Huntington campus, parents and students can take part in several firsthand experiences by taking a general campus tour and attending a college experience session.

Added this year, the university will also host two new high school Green & White Day Open Houses:

- Sept. 22
- Oct. 20

These are open to high schools in the surrounding areas to register and bus in students. These dates are added for those students who may not get the opportunity to attend on-campus events for various reasons, but are still encouraged to find out if Marshall has what they need.

Dr. Avinandan Mukherjee is the provost and senior vice president of academic affairs. He says the expansion of Green & White Days is another opportunity for the university to welcome the prospective students to the university.

“Expanding Green & White Days is a reflection of our dedication to providing access to an exciting educational journey. It’s about creating more moments for prospective students and families to connect with our faculty, experience our beautiful campus, and envision their future home with us,” Mukherjee said.

For more information or to sign up for a Green & White Day Open House event, visit <https://www.marshall.edu/admissions/greenandwhiteday/>.

First FDA-approved RSV vaccine available for pregnant patients at Marshall Health

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Pfizer’s FDA-approved ABRYSSVO™ vaccine for the prevention of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in infants through the immunization of pregnant patients at 32 to 36 weeks is available at Marshall OB/GYN.

ABRYSSVO is the first and only U.S.-approved maternal vaccine to help protect infants at birth through six months of life from lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) and severe LRTD due to RSV. Also approved by the European Commission, the vaccine is designed to protect against RSV A and B strains and was observed to be safe and effective. The FDA’s decision is based on data from the pivotal phase 3 clinical trial involving more than 14,000 participants, including pregnant individuals and their infants. The [results](#) of the randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled phase 3 study were published in The New England Journal of Medicine in April 2023.

Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Marshall Health participated in phases 2 and 3 of the clinical trial from November 2020 through June 2023. Hisham Keblawi,

M.D., professor of OB/GYN; Morgan Ruley, OB/GYN research coordinator; and Hillary Salava, RN, research coordinator in the Department of Clinical and Translational Sciences (DCTS), led and coordinated the Marshall team's involvement in the trial among the Marshall Clinical Research Center (MCRC) and departments of OB/GYN, Pediatrics and DCTS. The multisite trial spanned across 18 countries.

“Clinical trials done at MCRC are essential to promote the well-being of West Virginians and the tri-state area we serve,” said Uma Sundaram, M.D., vice dean of research and graduate education and chair of DCTS.

RSV is a contagious virus and common cause of respiratory illness. It can affect the lungs and make breathing difficult, potentially causing hospitalization or death. In 2022, children's hospitals locally and nationally saw an unusually high number of RSV cases and hospitalizations.

“RSV can be one of the most serious respiratory illnesses we see in young infants and, until now, we have had few tools to help in the prevention and treatment of RSV,” said Jessie Shields, M.D., pediatrician at Marshall Health and associate professor at the School of Medicine. “The development of this vaccine is an exciting advancement in RSV prevention, and we are thrilled Marshall played an important role in its development.”

For the first three months after birth, the vaccine was proven 82% effective at preventing severe RSV disease and 57% effective at keeping babies from visiting the doctor due to RSV infection. By six months after birth, the vaccine was 69% effective at preventing severe RSV disease and 51% effective at preventing a RSV-related doctor's visit. The vaccine did not prove to offer additional protection compared to the placebo in keeping six-month-old infants from seeing the doctor for RSV.

The most common maternal side effects were pain at the injection site, headache, muscle pain and nausea. While low birth weight and jaundice were slightly higher for infants in the vaccine group when compared to the placebo group, the FDA could not determine or exclude the vaccine as the cause. No safety concerns were evident in maternal participants or in infants and toddlers up to 24 months.

“Infants under six months are most vulnerable to RSV, and no other vaccine is available for this age,” Keblawi said. “We are currently recommending all pregnant patients seen in our clinic receive the vaccine sometime between 32 and 36 weeks unless their medical history would suggest otherwise.”

The vaccine is available at all Marshall OB/GYN locations by appointment. Call 304-691-1400 to schedule or for more information. For a complete list of clinical trials available at MCRC, visit jcesom.marshall.edu/research.



At Marshall University Research Corporation (MURC), we understand the significance of securing grant funding to drive impactful research endeavors. That is why we are thrilled to present our Grant Training and Services, which is designed to equip you with the skills and resources needed to be successful.

SEPTEMBER 13 via Microsoft Teams AT NOON	Introduction to MURC/Research Process Are you curious about external funding? Explore the significance of the Marshall University Research Corporation (MURC) and the invaluable services we offer to help you navigate the world of external funding. This session not only introduces common grants administration procedures but also provides a comprehensive overview—from proposal submission to award close-out.	SEPTEMBER 27 via Microsoft Teams AT NOON	Post-Award Overview Explore the post-award phase with confidence. Discover how to manage awards effectively, stay compliant, and maximize the impact of your research.
SEPTEMBER 20 via Microsoft Teams AT NOON	Grantsmanship 101/Proposal Basics Crafting a compelling grant proposal is an art. This session unravels the key components of a standard grant proposal, including agency-specific requirements and planning timelines.	OCTOBER 4 via Microsoft Teams AT NOON	Budgeting Basics The budget is more than just numbers—it's the foundation of your proposal. Let MURC guide you through the essential components of a proposal budget and budget narrative. Discover how our budgeting assistance can help you present a robust and accurate financial plan.

Register by scanning the QR Code or visiting www.marshall.edu/murc/training-workshops/

Questions? Contact murcpreaward@marshall.edu



Nonclassified Staff Council to discuss implementation Sept. 14

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Hi everyone,

You are invited to discuss the implementation of a nonclassified staff council at Marshall. As you know, all nonclassified staff were recently surveyed to determine if there is sufficient interest in the formation of a representative body so nonclassified staff can be included in the university's existing shared governance structure. The response of that survey follows:

- 395 notified/107 responses
 - Yes: 91
 - No: 16

Therefore, it appears there is interest to move forward. You are invited to meet 3:30-4:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14, in Drinko Library 138. We will discuss the history of this initiative, the progress made by the shared governance committee, and possible legislative action needed to take next steps. If you are unable to attend in person, you can join via Teams:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 291 535 988 270

Passcode: awDQ7L

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

I look forward to seeing you next Thursday!

CARA BAILEY, MA

Assistant Dean, Honors College

Director, Society of Yeager Scholars

First house in Livable Housing Project to be unveiled Sept. 15

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

The Minority Health Institute will hold a ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 15, to unveil a home at 1211 19th St. as part of the Livable Housing Project.

The Livable Housing Project was established through a groundbreaking collaboration between UniCare Health Plan of West Virginia and the Marshall University Minority Health Institute in October 2021. The \$1 million community grant provided by UniCare helped establish a program aimed at improving the livability and conditions of this home and four others chosen throughout the state of West Virginia. The visionary partnership seeks to counteract the prevalent issue of substandard housing, that often affects minority households, causing health issues.

Dr. Anthony Woart is professor and chair of the Department of Public Health at Marshall University and founder/director of the Marshall University Minority Health Institute.

“Addressing social determinants of health is essential to addressing health disparities and health equity among minority and vulnerable populations,” Woart said. “I am therefore honored to have been a part of [the] Marshall University Minority Health Institute’s efforts in providing opportunities for livable housing among the minority and vulnerable populations of West Virginia as part of the institute’s mission and vision.”

The project liberates families from issues like mold and other concerns that arise when housing hasn't been updated. With improved living conditions comes a feeling of hope and safety, according to Woart.

LaDawna Walker Dean is the minority health coordinator for the West Virginia Minority Health Initiative.

“Our work has just started by helping minority families throughout West Virginia be able to have access to safe, affordable, good-quality housing that can positively impact a person’s health, well-being and overall community equity,” Walker said.

The transformed home in Huntington belongs to Matthew and Angel Plante. They, along with distinguished members of the Huntington community, will be on hand for the unveiling of the first Livable Housing Project home that will stand for change in the minority community.

For more information on the Marshall University Minority Health Institute visit www.marshall.edu/minorityhealthinstitute.

Stroeher, Botes to perform American ‘neoclassics’

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023



The School of Music will present “American Music for Trombone and Piano,” a concert featuring faculty members Dr. Michael Stroeher on trombone and Dr. Johan Botes on piano.

The concert will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, in Smith Recital Hall and will feature three pieces by forgotten American

masters.

“The music we will be playing is what you would call American neoclassical style, influenced by both jazz and American folk music. It should be very enjoyable,” Stroeher said,

The concert is free and open to all. It is sponsored by the School of Music in the College of Arts and Media.

Marshall Health to launch West Virginia Entrepreneurs Virtual Series

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Marshall Health is launching a virtual training series for individuals interested in learning more about small business ownership and entrepreneurship.

As part of Marshall Health's Career Opportunities for Appalachian Legacy (COAL) initiative, training participants will learn firsthand from other small business owners how to start and operate a small business or social enterprise, which are businesses that sell or provide a service to support a cause.

The first one-hour session will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, co-sponsored by Right to Start. [LIZ MODERN Design](#) is a Huntington-based small business focused on painting and refinishing. Liz Modern will share her story and how she has navigated starting and growing her business using a grassroots approach.

Registration is free. To register, visit <https://WVEntrepreneursVirtualSeriesSession1.eventbrite.com>.

This session is the first of the four-part series. Additional session topics will focus on Low-Start Costs Businesses (Oct. 18), Making Your Skill Your Side Hustle (Nov. 15) and Social Enterprises (Dec. 13). This series is funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission.

The COAL initiative leverages the expertise of Marshall Health's employment specialists to help West Virginians re-enter the workforce and find steady employment and competitive wages and benefits. COAL serves individuals across all industries in their search for a career path in which they can find their passion and financial security.

For more information about the West Virginia Entrepreneurs Virtual Series or the COAL initiative, contact Ashley Shaw by e-mail at shawa@marshall.edu.

From the HLC Quality Initiative Book Selection Committee: Here are featured books for Year 2

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

To support and stimulate campus-wide conversation about Marshall's Quality Initiative – **Building a Stronger and More Inclusive Marshall Community** – the Book Selection Committee received feedback from the campus community regarding books to support the initiative's second year theme, "*Building Bridges*."

We are excited to announce that *Carter G. Woodson: History, the Black Press, and Public Relations* by Burnis R. Morris, *The Harlan Renaissance: Stories of Black Life in Appalachian Coal Towns* by William H. Turner (fall), and *Solito: A Memoir* by Javier Zamora (spring) have been selected for campus-wide reading!

Thanks to everyone who attended Professor Morris's presentation on Aug. 29. For those who were not able to attend, we encourage you to watch the video of his presentation, which will soon be available on the Marshall University Quality Initiative website at <https://www.marshall.edu/hlc-qi/news/>.

Watch for information about additional upcoming lectures and discussions featuring these books!

Annual Health Sciences Research Day set for Nov. 10; abstracts due Sept. 18

AUGUST 23, 2023



The 35th Annual Marshall University Health Sciences Research Day will be held Friday, Nov. 10. Organized and sponsored by the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Health Sciences Research Day partners with the School of Pharmacy, the College of Health Professions and the College of Science to highlight original research and educational innovations. Participating students include

undergraduates as well as graduate, medical, pharmacy, nursing, health professions and postdoctoral trainees in medicine, biomedical sciences and clinical and translational sciences.

Submit your [abstract](#) now at jcesom.marshall.edu/researchday. **Deadline to submit is Sept. 18.**

Individual tickets to all Marshall Artists Series events now on sale

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023



Tickets for the Fall 2023 events of the 87th season of the Marshall Artists Series are now on sale. From Broadway's Hit Musical *Come From Away* to Piff the Magic Dragon, to the brand new Masters at Marshall Distinguished Speaker Series, the shows this fall will stimulate your mind and ears. It will be a different kind of year as this season will take the Marshall Artists Series on tour. The Keith-Albee will close

temporarily (at times) for much-needed renovations and Marshall Artists Series events will need to take place at different venues.

This season marks the debut of a new speaker series – Masters at Marshall – Distinguished Speaker Series. The speaker series, which will bring some of the brightest minds and influential voices to Marshall University, harkens back to the very first events of the Marshall Artists Series. The Masters at Marshall Distinguished Speaker Series is also available as a package which includes both events – An Evening with Jon Meacham and An Evening with Beth Macy – for \$147.84. To order this package, please call the Marshall Artists Series Administrative Office at 304-696-3326.

The 2023 fall season will feature:

Broadway's Tony-Award-winning musical *Come From Away* performs at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. This Best Musical winner takes you into the heart of the remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them. On 9/11, the world stopped. On 9/12, their stories moved us all. *Newsweek* cheers, "It takes you to a place you never want to leave!" Tickets for *Come from Away* are \$142.29.

Presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jon Meacham comes to the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on Friday, November 10, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., as a part of the new Masters at Marshall Distinguished Speaker Series. Meacham's topic: "Hope Through History: How To Endure And Prevail When Everything Appears Hopeless." With a depth of knowledge about politics, history, religion, and current affairs, Meacham has the unique ability to bring historical context to the issues and events impacting our daily lives. The author of several #1 New York Times bestsellers, Meacham has written acclaimed books about Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, George H.W. Bush, and civil-rights icon John Lewis. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a fellow of the Society of American Historians, Meacham is a distinguished visiting professor at Vanderbilt University, where he holds the Rogers Chair in the American Presidency. His latest #1 New York Times bestseller, *And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle*, was published in October 2022. Meacham will host a book signing after the event. Tickets for *An Evening with Jon Meacham* are \$87.45.

A standout on *America's Got Talent* and Best Comedian, Best Magician, and Best Headliner winner at the Best of Las Vegas, Piff the Magic Dragon brings his magic show to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center with his co-star, Mr Piffles, the world's only magic-performing chihuahua, on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. Piff the Magic Dragon has won the heart of America through his world tour. "A phenomenal talent" – Howard Stern. "A stunningly good magician" – Penn & Teller. "Piff is the best. A true original." – David Copperfield. Tickets for Piff The Magic Dragon are \$81.97, \$71, and \$54.55.

Spring 2024 Events

Journalist, Executive Producer of the Hulu series *Dopesick*, and bestselling author Beth Macy comes to the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center as part of the Masters at Marshall Distinguished Speaker Series on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Macy will discuss the unraveling of rural America from the aftermath of globalization to the opioid crisis which is the subject matter of her latest book *Raising Lazarus: Hope, Justice, and the Future of America's Overdose Crisis*. Macy is the award-winning author of three *New York Times* bestselling books examining rural communities left behind by corporate greed and political indifference: *Factory Man*, *Dopesick* and her most recent book, *Raising Lazarus*. *Dopesick* was made into a Peabody and Emmy Award-winning Hulu series. Macy will host a book signing after the event. Tickets for "An Evening with Beth Macy" are \$76.49.

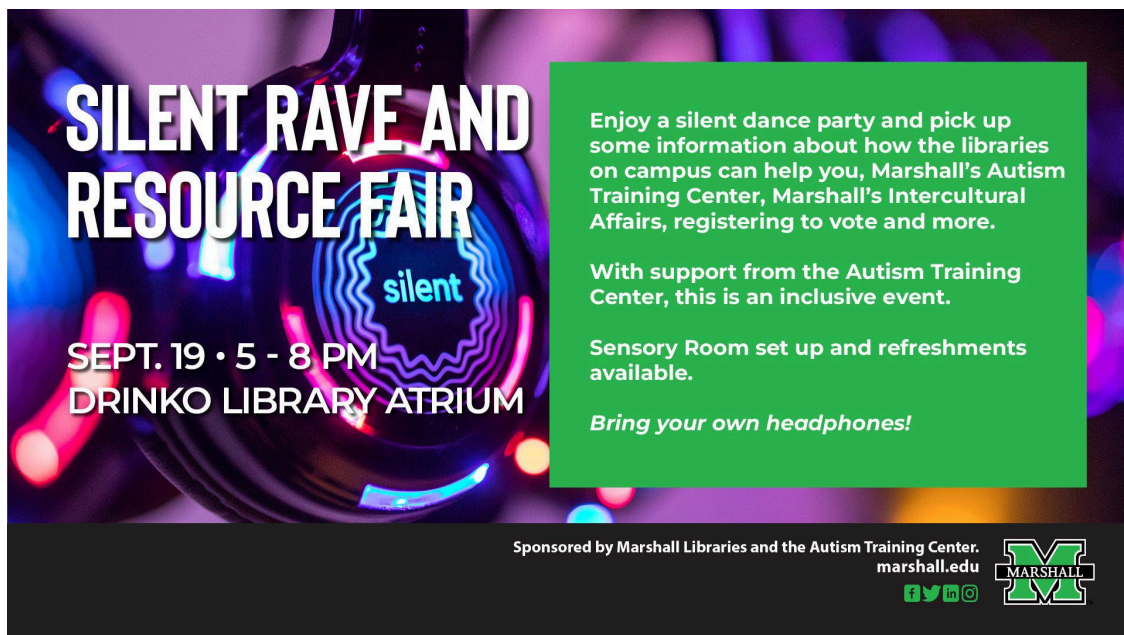
The Banff Mountain Film Festival, featuring the world's best mountain sports, culture and environmental films, returns for its sixth visit to Huntington but at a new venue, the Marshall University Rec Center. The festival takes place on Earth Day, Monday, April. 22, 2024, at 7 p.m. As the most prestigious mountain festival in the world, Banff's films allow the audience to experience the thrills and challenges that inspire us all. Every fall right after the festival is held in Banff, Alberta, the Banff Mountain Film Festival takes off on a world tour traveling to over 450 communities in 40 countries. Tickets for the Banff Mountain Film Festival are \$15.

To order tickets, call the Marshall Artists Series box office at 304-696-6656 or visit [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com). Tickets may also be purchased at our box office located on the campus of

Marshall University in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The Marshall Artists Series accepts all major credit cards.

Season ticket packages may still be ordered by calling the MAS administrative offices at 304-696-3326. The Marshall Artists Series administrative office is located in the Jomie Jazz Center on Fifth Avenue across from Marshall University's Memorial Student Center.

Support the businesses that support the arts. The Marshall Artists Series is sponsored by Mountain Health Network; Encova; Cabell County Commission; West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History; Farrell, White & Legg; West Virginia Lottery; Natural Resource Partners; the Earleen Heiner Agee & Robert W. Agee Fund of the Foundation for the Tri-State; CJ Hughes; David & Kim Robinson; Steptoe & Johnson; Dutch Miller Kia; ZMM Architects; City National Bank; Marshall Health; the Touma Foundation; Marshall Orthopaedics; Huntington Federal; the Chirico Family; Air Systems, Inc.; Neighborgall Construction; Boggs Roofing; Community Trust Bank; Cabell Huntington Convention & Visitors Bureau; Dr. David and Mrs. Sharon Denning; Dr. Christopher & Mrs. Tammy Hugh; Reger Funeral Home; Sammons-Adams Orthodontics; Marsha Slater State Farm Insurance; Dr. Stephen Nicholas; WSAZ; the Herald-Dispatch; iHeart Radio; Bulldog Creative; and Strictly Business.

A promotional poster for a 'Silent Rave and Resource Fair'. The background features a DJ's turntable with glowing blue and purple lights. The text is overlaid on this background. A green rectangular box on the right contains additional details. At the bottom, there is a black bar with white text and logos.

**SILENT RAVE AND
RESOURCE FAIR**

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SEPT. 19 • 5 - 8 PM
DRINKO LIBRARY ATRIUM

Enjoy a silent dance party and pick up some information about how the libraries on campus can help you, Marshall's Autism Training Center, Marshall's Intercultural Affairs, registering to vote and more.


With support from the Autism Training Center, this is an inclusive event.

Sensory Room set up and refreshments available.

Bring your own headphones!

Sponsored by Marshall Libraries and the Autism Training Center.
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Marshall University
SCHOOL OF MUSIC
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STRING FACULTY *Recital*

Featuring rare trio and duo works by
Brufal, Gnattali, Boutros and Glière.

Thursday, September 21
7:30 p.m.
Smith Recital Hall

Free and open to all.



Featuring

Elizabeth Reed Smith, violin
Şölen Dikener, cello
Júlio Ribeiro Alves, guitar

Sponsored by the School of Music in the College of Arts and Media
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ULTRA DESIGN LAB AND LUNCH

Faculty/Staff are invited to come talk with
Blackboard Product Management and Marshall
Instructional Designers around Ultra and
new Blackboard AI features!



Guest speaker
JIM CHALEX
Vice President
Product Management



Drinko Library Room 402

SEPT | 22nd | 11am-1pm

Event is Free | Lunch is provided
Please reserve your spot!



Contact:
online@marshall.edu

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT LISTENING SESSION

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION:

Mid-Ohio Valley Center, 1 John Marshall Way, Point Pleasant, WV 25550

Refreshments: Coffee, Water, and Snacks Provided

Join us for a conversation focused on the next steps for economic development in Mason County and how the MOVOC can play a critical role.



A colorful illustration of school supplies including backpacks, pencils, an eraser, a ruler, a clock, and a butterfly, surrounding a central green brushstroke background.

**NEW CLASSROOM OPENING
at the
MUEE STEAM Center**

Now accepting 2- & 3-year-old children

Limited spaces are available. Contact us now to reserve your spot! Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday (7:45 am - 4:30 pm)

For more information contact Kelcie Blankenship

Email: jones506@marshall.edu
Phone: 304-696-6301

The Marshall University logo, featuring a circular seal with a bear and the text 'MARSHALL UNIVERSITY' around it.

Marshall Health supports hospital-based substance use disorder programs across southern West Virginia

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Marshall Health is supporting substance use disorder (SUD) programs in hospitals across southern West Virginia thanks to funding from a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Overdose Data to Action grant.

The first program, called Reverse the Cycle (RTC), was developed by the Maryland-based consulting firm Mosaic. RTC integrates individuals in long-term recovery from SUD known as peer recovery support specialists into the hospital setting to work with medical providers. The support specialists help ensure all persons presenting for service, regardless of medical conditions, are screened for high-risk alcohol, illicit drug and prescription misuse. RTC incorporates evidence-based practices including the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) model, the Overdose Survivors Outreach Program (OSOP); and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) initiation in emergency departments.

“The Reverse the Cycle program is a collaborative effort between hospital emergency room providers, behavioral health agencies and those who have lived the recovery experience,” said Beth Welsh, associate director of addiction sciences at Marshall Health's department of family and community health. “Working together, we meet persons with substance use disorder where they present, assess their readiness for change and assist them in finding a path to recovery.”

The Reverse the Cycle program is now in these southern West Virginia hospitals: Beckley ARH Hospital, Bluefield Regional Medical Center, Boone Memorial Health, Cabell Huntington Hospital, Logan Regional Medical Center, Princeton Community Hospital, Raleigh General Hospital, St. Mary's Medical Center, Summers County ARH Hospital and Welch Community Hospital. Since the program was initiated, more than 200,000 persons presenting at the emergency room have been screened. More than 1,000 individuals have been linked to treatment.

In addition to RTC, Marshall Health has also collaborated with Vandalia Health's Charleston Area Medical Centers to support their hospital-based comprehensive substance use disorder initiatives that rely on the same evidence-based components as the RTC program.

Registration Now Open



Marshall University's Parent and Family Weekend 2023

>> **SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1** <<



For more information on registration and schedule,
visit: <https://bit.ly/3sDSgdU> or scan the QR code.

www.marshall.edu





2023 MARSHALL SAFETY CONFERENCE Occupational Safety in Today's World

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. • MSC, Don Morris Room

- Hear from speakers in the Occupational Health and Safety industry.
- Luncheon speaker: Scott McKenna, Catamount Consulting president and a nationally known speaker on current safety management trends and topics.
- Network with safety professionals from local industry and well-known national corporations.

Pre-conference reception:

Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex



Learn more and register here:
www.marshallsafetyconference.com/

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Oct. 12 expo to connect small suppliers to large state manufacturer

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023



Marshall University's Advanced Manufacturing Center and Advantage Valley are presenting another in their series of Supply Chain Expos to connect small businesses to major companies while forging supply chain connections closer to home.

The Oct. 12 virtual event from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. will feature Gestamp, an international group dedicated to the design, development and manufacture of metal automotive components. Gestamp operates a major manufacturing facility in South Charleston. Founded in 1997, the company has manufacturing operations in 24 countries and generated more than \$13 billion in global sales in 2021.

Individuals interested in participating in the free expo will learn about the process for becoming a vendor and have the opportunity to share information about their capabilities and capacities. Gestamp will consider them for supplier opportunities not just in South Charleston, but for its plants globally.

“Our previous expos focusing on the aerospace, chemical, polymer, steel and health care industries resulted in numerous contracts for state small businesses, some quite lucrative,” said Derek Scarbro, MAMC director. “Our successful business-to-business events also have helped major companies shorten their supply chains, creating a win-win situation for everyone by keeping West Virginia dollars in state.”

Gestamp's purchasing needs include the following types of goods and services:

- Industrial Maintenance
- Building Repair Services
- General Construction
- Packaging Materials
- Industrial Gasses/Chemicals
- Fuel
- Industrial Chillers/Maintenance
- Cranes
- IT Services
- Physical Exams
- Recycling Services

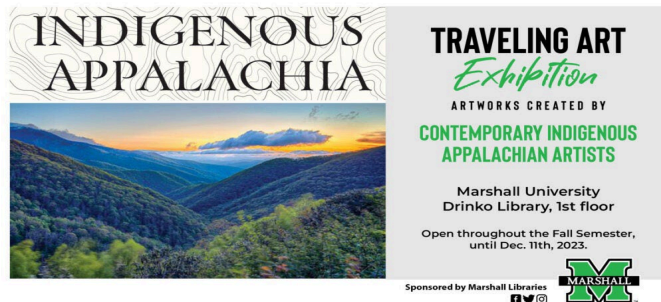
- Security Services
- Electric/ Mechanical Parts Repair
- Pest Control
- Water Treatment/Chemicals
- Canteen Services
- Safety Systems
- First Aid Supplies
- Janitorial Services
- Lab Calibration Services
- Signage and Printing (indoor and outdoor)
- Steel and Heat Treatment

“As you can see from the list, Gestamp contracts for an array of goods and services,” Scarbro said. “If you’re a small business operator anywhere in West Virginia capable of providing any of these things, make sure to sign up and participate in our event. Not only is this a great opportunity for Gestamp to identify suppliers closer to its West Virginia facility, it’s an opportunity for Mountain State small businesses to expand their customer base.”

Register for the virtual expo at www.mfg.marshall.edu/gestampexpo23. For more information, contact MAMC’s James Westbrook by e-mail at james.westbrook@mfg.marshall.edu or by phone at 304-720-7740.

Drinko Library hosting ‘Indigenous Appalachia’

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Marshall University’s Drinko Library is hosting “Indigenous Appalachia,” an exhibit that will be on display through Dec. 11, on the first floor Learning Commons area.

The traveling exhibit comes from West Virginia University, which resides on land that includes ancestral territories of the

Shawnee, Lenape (or Delaware), Cherokee, Haudenosaunee (or Iroquois—the Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Mohawk, Tuscarora) and other Indigenous peoples.

As part of the WVU Art in the Libraries program, the exhibit is designed to increase awareness of the contributions of Indigenous Appalachians to the region’s shared history and present, while also recognizing continuing injustices faced by Indigenous people.

“We are excited to be a part of the WVU Art in Libraries Program this year by hosting their Indigenous Appalachia Exhibition. We hope that it will help to encourage discourse and

engagement with our students and community, as well as bringing visibility and awareness of this underrepresented portion of Appalachia,” said Michelle Alford with Marshall University Libraries.

“Most Americans do not know about Indigenous culture, from history to today, but they are a large part of America’s fabric. Invisibility is a modern form of bias,” said Sally Brown, WVU Libraries exhibits coordinator. “With this exhibit, we hope to both acknowledge the contradictions in the Indigenous histories of our areas and in our collections, and highlight Indigenous stories, perspectives and successes, all curated in collaboration with Indigenous advice.”

The exhibit explores indigenous people in Appalachia, both ancestral and contemporary perspectives, as well as themes such as portrayals of Indigenous cultures and histories, especially in consideration of European colonial history, U.S. policies, social forces and centuries of genocidal acts.

Artists include Nadema Agard (painting, Cherokee/Lakota/Powhatan), Connor Alexander (game design, Cherokee), Erin Lee Antonak (sculpture/drawing, Oneida), Kayln Barnoski (fabric/mixed media, Cherokee), April Branham (painting/photography, Monacan), Ethan Brown (gourd design/painting, Pamunkey), Annette Clapsaddle (writing, Cherokee), Robert D’Alimonte (woodworking/carving, Tuscarora), Brent Michael Davids (composing/music, Mohican/Munsee-Lenape), John Gritts (drawing/painting, Cherokee), Benjamin Harjo, Jr. (drawing/painting, Absentee Shawnee), Yonavea Hawkins (bead/fashion, Delaware), Antoinette (Toni) Scott (cornhusk dolls, Seneca), Rosy Simas (transdisciplinary art/dance, Seneca), Amelia Winger-Bearskin (NFT/digital, Seneca-Cayuga).

There are several resources available related to the exhibit as well, including a companion online exhibit, YouTube videos, discussion guides for tours, and lesson plans and worksheets for K-12 teachers.

Exhibit sponsors include the West Virginia Humanities Council; the Antero Foundation; the WVU Humanities Center and Office of the Provost; the Oakland Foundation; Morgantown Printing & Binding; Marshall University Libraries; Appalachian State University Libraries; and the West Virginia Library Commission.

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