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Community Cares Weeks Brings Volunteers Marshall's Campus



Volunteers garden for Community Cares Week.

Photo Courtesy of MarshallU

By **MATT SCHAFFER**
INTERIM EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Hundreds of volunteers, including faculty, staff, students and community members, gathered on Marshall's campus and volunteered nearly 2,000 hours during Community Cares Week to give campus a fresh coat of paint and a little bit of landscaping.

Marshall's second annual event, subtitled "Giving Back to the Herd," took place over four days. The community committed to projects including landscaping, housekeeping, pressure washing, painting and donating to the University Thrift Store.

The tasks included laying rocks

and mulch as well as planting new trees around campus, pressure washing the walkways, painting bike racks and Buskirk Hall and creating new seating areas near Buskirk Field and Prichard Hall.

Volunteers went through 1,770 bags of mulch, 80 landscaping stones, 20 tons of rock, 75 gallons of paint, 30 gallons of gas for pressure washers and three 30-yard dumpsters to transform the campus.

Community Cares Week also gathered more than 150 bins worth of donations for the University Thrift Store, which will be available to students and community members alike.

Volunteers featured members of many local and university

groups such as the Marshall Men's Basketball Team, the MU Early Education Steam Center, State Electric, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Alumni Center and the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce as well as members of Troop 12 with the local Boy Scouts chapter.

Dr. Jerry Ross Named Marshall's New Chief Enrollment Officer

By **MATT SCHAFFER**
INTERIM EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Dr. Jerry Ross, an experienced higher education professional, has been named as Marshall University's new chief enrollment officer and vice president of enrollment management.

Starting on July 3, Ross will manage and advise Marshall on enrollment, student success, financial aid, recruitment and admissions.

Ross previously worked at several universities nationwide including Purdue University, Syracuse University, the University of Florida, West Virginia University and Southern

Miss during his nearly 20 years of experience in the field.

"I am excited to join the Marshall family and work with the talented team already in place," Ross said in a news release on May 17. "I look forward to building on the university's momentum and helping to ensure that we meet the higher education needs of West Virginia and beyond."

Ross is currently serving as the associate vice president for enrollment management at California State University, Chico where he helped modernize enrollment management and increase enrollment.



Dr. Jerry Ross

Photo Courtesy of MU.net

Clara Adkins, Professor of Communications, Dead at 59



Courtesy of The Parthenon

Adkins and the Thundering Word Speech and Debate Team

By SARAH DAVIS
NEWS EDITOR

Clara Adkins, professor of communications and director of Marshall's speech and debate team, died on Wednesday, May 31 at the age of 59.

Adkins began her journey with the Herd as a student, earning both her bachelor's and master's degrees at Marshall University. According to her online Marshall biography, Adkins taught many communications classes, including rhetoric and speech focused courses.

In addition to teaching, Adkins served as director and coach for the Thundering Word Speech and Debate Team. She held this title for seven years, beginning in 2016.

Adkins traveled with the team this past spring to Tokyo as they competed in the International Forensics

Association Tournament.

A statement from the Thundering Word described Adkins as a thoughtful mentor.

"We will forever cherish her vision as our Director, her thoughtfulness as our Coach, and the deep, unequalled love she extended to each of us as our friend," the statement read. "Clara's mentorship went far beyond that of a standard professor or coach; she possessed a rare ability to connect our development as speakers or performers to our broadened psychological development as people."

Thundering Word Speech and Debate member Liv Stockwin reflected on the impact Adkins had, saying that she "had a fire inside of her."

"Clara was like no other; incredibly gifted in speech and communication, she opened a whole new world of language and interaction

to her students," she said. "I am the person I am today because of her teaching and friendship."

Team member George Urling added that Adkins was encouraging.

"Beyond just being my coach, Clara was one of the first people I knew at Marshall, and she always acted as an important mentor, someone to vent to and one of the truest friends I have ever had in my life," he said.

Another Thundering Word member, Olivia Hindman, remembered her interactions with Adkins.

"I loved my weekly meetings with her for our individual practices. Most of which I would show up with Starbucks for us both. It always brightened both of our days," she said. "Not only did we just practice at these meetings, we talked about life—the good, the bad, the ugly, all of it."

Adkins also received many awards in her career, including Outstanding Director by Paramount Arts Center in 2016 and being selected for a 2019 National Communication Association panel on international forensics. She was also a mentor for the 2019 Undergraduate Creative Discovery Scholarship.



Professor Clara Adkins



Courtesy of Marshall University



Marshall President Brad Smith speaking during 2023 Spring Commencement.

Photo Courtesy of MarshallU

Students Take the Stage at Spring Commencement

By SARAH DAVIS
STAFF REPORTER

Marshall celebrated its graduating students during the Spring Commencement ceremony on Saturday, April 29. This included undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students.

The Spring Commencement consisted of two ceremonies, the morning ceremony at 9 a.m. and the afternoon at 2 p.m., with both taking place at the Mountain Health Arena.

The morning ceremony honored graduating students from the Colleges of Business, Education, Science, Engineering and Computer Sciences and Pharmacy, along with those in anesthesia nursing and biomedical research.

The afternoon ceremony hosted the Colleges of Health Professions, Arts and Media, Liberal Arts and Regents Bachelors of Arts, along with students in physical therapy.

The graduates were joined by their families, friends and faculty members.

Isabella Griffiths, student body president and graduating student from the College of Health Professions, addressed her community by highlighting the challenges they have faced.

“When we face adversity, we stand strong together and work our way through it,” she said to the audience. “We’ve experienced a new pandemic, new athletic conference, new president and now, the newest chapter of our lives together.”

The ceremony’s main speaker was John Donahoe, a graduate from Stanford’s School of Business and president/CEO of Nike, Inc.

Donahoe proposed multiple ideas to the graduates in terms of achieving success.

“The best leaders build bridges, not islands,” he said. “You’re going to encounter many people through

your journey, people who will often have different perspectives than yours. Be a connector of people. Bring people together, especially those who are different from you or with whom you may disagree.”

He also went on to stress the importance of union, or “bridge-building.”

“Collaboration across diverse perspectives absolutely drives the best innovation and results,” Donahoe said.

Following his speech, Marshall President Brad D. Smith, along with other faculty members, confirmed the graduating students and their earned degrees.

Smith ended his confirmation statement saying, “Congratulations, Class of 2023. Go Herd.”

Graduates then received their degrees as they walked across the stage and into the next chapters of their lives.

Marshall Announces National Cybersecurity Center in Partnership

By MATT SCHAFFER
INTERIM EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Marshall announced a new, state-of-the-art national cybersecurity research center and laboratory which is expected to break ground early next year.

The National Center of Excellence for Cyber Security in Critical Infrastructure was announced in partnership with the Department of Defense, U.S. Cyber Command and West Virginia University.

“We’re excited to build this partnership with Marshall University and West Virginia University to create new solutions for reducing risk to our critical infrastructure from cyber threats,” Holly Baroody, executive director of CYBERCOM, said in a press release on May 26.

The goal of the new center is to promote STEM careers within the Department of Defense and open up collaboration among the universities and Department.

The partnership received bipartisan support from both U.S. Senators: Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) and Shelly Moore Capito (R-W.Va.).

“This partnership project focuses on helping to improve the national security and infrastructure,” Capito said. “The Center of Excellence’s unique capability will be designed to

better prepare [the] government, the private sector and others.”

“The most exciting part of this initiative is that it focuses on long-term investment in people – people who will defend our federal and private sector critical infrastructure in cyberspace,” Manchin said.

While the groundbreaking ceremony for the cybersecurity center is expected early 2024, no estimated completion date has been announced.

LGBTQ+ Pride Month Kicks Off With Protests, Parades, Parties



Jim Obergefell, the named plaintiff in the Obergefell v. Hodges Supreme Court case that legalized same sex marriage.

Courtesy of AP/ Deepti Hajela

by trans women of color channeled their anger to confront authorities. It was a catalyst to what became a global movement for LGBTQ+ rights.

For more than a half-century, the annual marches have been an opportunity to demand action on specific issues such as the AIDS epidemic and same-sex marriage while also serving as a public celebration.

These days, Pride celebrations and events can be found all over the country.

Many of the nation's largest cities — including New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Denver and Minneapolis — hold their main marches on the last weekend of June, while some cities host their events throughout the month or even at other times of the year. Along with the marches, Pride organizers fill the month of June with events ranging from readings and performances to parties and street festivals.

In Florida this weekend, Orlando-area theme parks and hotels will play host to annual Gay Days events, which are going ahead even after Gov. Ron DeSantis and state legislators passed a series of anti-LGBTQ+ laws, some of which barred classroom discussion of sexual orientation.

Pride events are happening globally as well, drawing major crowds in places including Sao Paulo, Tel Aviv, Madrid and Toronto.

At some past events, there have been concerns about commercialism and corporate presence that

overshadow real issues that are still unresolved. In New York City for the past few years, there has been a second event on the same day of the larger Pride march. The Reclaim Pride Coalition says their event harkens back to the spirit of protest that animated Stonewall. The New York City Dyke March channels the idea that Pride is about protest, not just parades.

Pride parades had plenty to celebrate in recent years, such as in 2015, when the U.S. Supreme Court recognized same-sex marriage in the Obergefell v. Hodges decision. But the last several years have been more difficult; Pride events were restricted during the pandemic, and when they returned to in-person last year, it was with a sense of urgency, given the rise of hateful rhetoric and anti-LGBTQ legislative action.

Around the country, at least 17 states have put restrictions or

bans on gender-affirming medical care for minors, and transgender athletes are facing restrictions at schools in at least 20 states.

“This is a year where sentiment is going to be revolving around resistance and about finding strength and community and centering our joy and our right to exist and our right to be here,” said Cathryn Oakley, state legislative director and senior counsel for the Human Rights Campaign organization.

LGBTQ+ communities, Oakley said, need to “commit ourselves to continued resistance against the forces that are trying to prevent us from being our full, joyful, happy, thriving selves. ... And band together and fight back against the very oppressive forces that are coming for us.”

By DEEPTI HAJELA ASSOCIATED PRESS

The start of June marks the beginning of Pride month around the U.S. and some parts of the world, a season intended to celebrate the lives and experiences of LGBTQ+ communities and to protest against attacks on hard-won civil rights gains.

This year's Pride takes place in a contentious political climate in which some state legislators have sought to ban drag shows, prohibit gender-affirming care and limit how teachers can talk about sexuality and gender in the classroom.

Events have been disrupted. Performers have been harassed. And in Colorado in November, five people were killed and several injured when a gunman shot them inside a gay nightclub.

“What we're seeing right now is

probably the worst that it's been since the early days, in terms of the demonization of our communities,” said Jay W. Walker, one of the co-founders of the Reclaim Pride Coalition, a New York City-based group.

But that won't stop people from coming out to mark Pride this month, he said.

“You can't keep our communities down. No one can. It's basic human rights,” Walker said.

June has been an important month for the LGBTQ+ rights movement since New York City's first Pride march — then dubbed the “Christopher Street Gay Liberation Day” march — on June 28, 1970.

That event marked an act of defiance from the year before, a 1969 uprising at New York City's Stonewall Inn. After a police raid at the gay bar, a crowd partly led



A New York City Police Department officer grabs a youth by the hair as another officer clubs a young man during a confrontation in Greenwich Village after a Gay Power march in New York, Aug. 31, 1970.

Courtesy of AP/ Deepti Hajela

Sydney Smith Named SBC Postgraduate Scholarship Recipient



Graduate Sydney Smith

Courtesy of HerdZone/Will Meadows

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The Sun Belt Conference named Marshall Cross Country and Track and Field senior Sydney Smith as one of eight student-athletes selected to receive a 2023 Sun Belt Conference Postgraduate Scholarship.

A four-year letterwinner in both Women's Cross Country and Track and Field, Smith graduated from

Marshall with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences with a 4.0 GPA and minors in Chemistry, Psychology and Pre-Professional Healthcare Studies. She will begin her MD at Marshall's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and looks to go into the field of obstetrics and gynecology.

"Sydney is the epitome of student-athlete," Marshall Head Cross

Country Coach Caleb Bowen said. "With her going to Medical School next year, she has had a rigorous academic career but was able to do so with a high grade point average and while being an All-Conference runner and a school record holder in the Steeplechase and Indoor 5K. She is everything you want in an athlete."

The scholarships are awarded to selected student-athletes with

stated intentions to pursue a graduate degree following the completion of their undergraduate requirements and are sent directly to the graduate school of each recipient's choice. The recipients were selected by the Sun Belt Postgraduate Scholarship Committee, which is comprised of Faculty Athletic Representatives from across the conference.

The other Postgraduate Scholarship

Award Recipients were Mason Bennett, Troy (Men's Cross Country and Track & Field); Icie Cockerham, Southern Miss (Women's Golf); Dylan Evans, Southern Miss (Men's Track & Field); Alayna Maslinski, South Alabama (Volleyball); Sydney Smith, Marshall (Women's Cross Country and Track & Field) and Ana Tsiros, James Madison (Women's Golf).

Fall Football Schedule Announced



Owen Porter returning a fumble

Photo by Shauntelle Thompson

By **SCOTT PRICE**
COPY EDITOR

The Sun Belt Conference and ESPN announced times for two games of the Marshall 2023 Football season during a collaboration event to disclose television considerations for the first few weeks of the season.

The newly decided times included the season opener against Albany on Sept. 2. The game has a kickoff of 6 p.m. and is to be streamed on ESPN+.

The other game given a time was the Thursday, Oct. 19 faceoff against James Madison, which has a kickoff of 7 p.m. It will be broadcasted nationally on either ESPN or ESPN2.

The decision to show the home James Madison game on ESPN or ESPN2 is attributed to it being a highly anticipated contest within the Sun Belt. The game will either be one of three that are picked up by ESPN or one of six picked up on ESPN2.

Marshall's director of athletics,

Christian Spears, commented on how big the chances the spots could be.

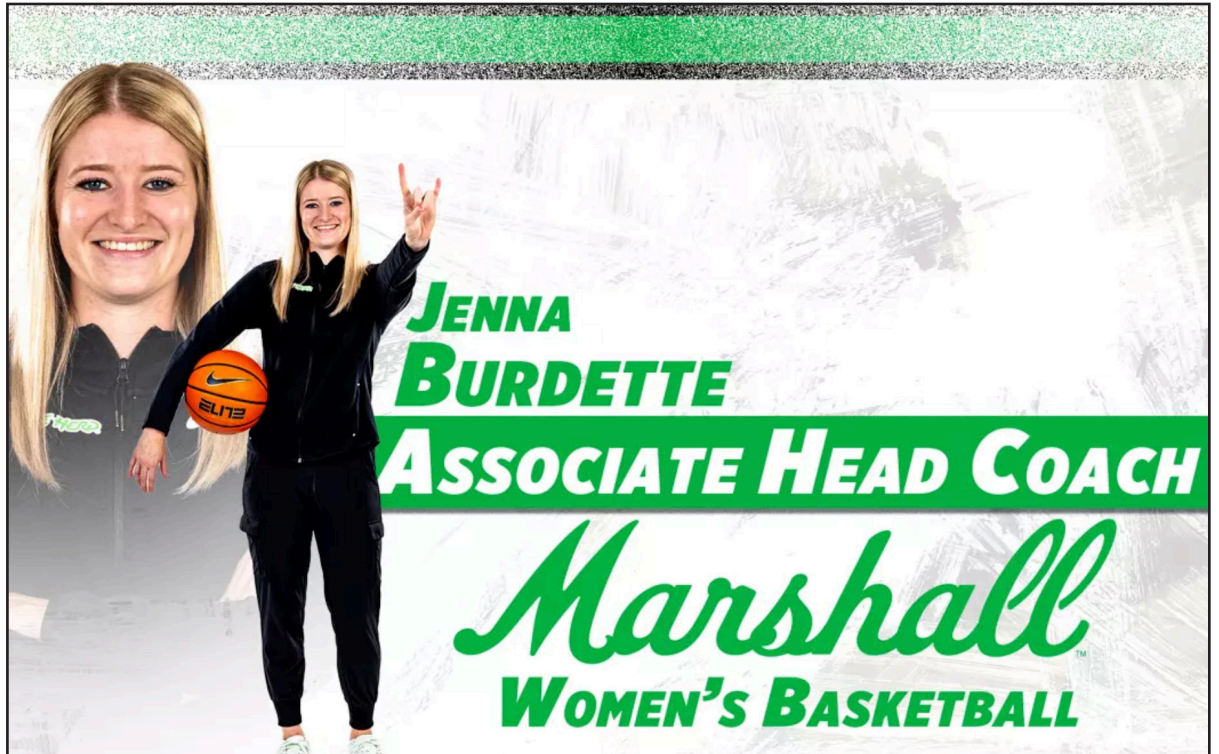
"ESPN and the Sun Belt continue to recognize the impact Marshall football can have nationally," Spears said. "Placing us in Prime-Time slots is a great opportunity for us."

"I know Coach Huff and our team will enjoy playing in front of a national television audience," Spears said.

2023 Marshall Football Schedule

Sept. 2 Albany, 6 p.m. (ESPN+)
Sept. 9 at East Carolina, TBD
Sept. 23 Virginia Tech, TBD
Sept. 30 Old Dominion, TBD
Oct. 7 at N.C. State, TBD
Oct. 14 at Georgia State, TBD
Oct. 19 James Madison, 7 p.m. (ESPN/ESPN2)
Oct. 28 at Coastal Carolina, TBD
Nov. 4 at App State, TBD
Nov. 11 Georgia Southern, TBD
Nov. 18 at South Alabama, TBD
Nov. 25 Arkansas State, TBD

Women's Basketball Jenna Burdette Promoted to Associate Head Coach



Associate Head Coach Jenna Burdette

Courtesy of HerdZone

THE PARTHENON

Marshall Women's Basketball Coach Kim Stephens announced on Tuesday, June 6 that Assistant Coach Jenna Burdette has been elevated to the role of associate head coach.

"Jenna was with me at Glenville for two seasons and helped us win back-to-back championships," Stephens said. "She's as good as it gets. She is loyal, competitive and has a phenomenal basketball mind. Most importantly, she has a big heart and will do what's best for Marshall and our players daily."

Burdette enters her third season as an assistant coach for Marshall after joining the program in May of 2021. She helped lead the Thundering Herd to a winning record in each of her two seasons on the staff.

The Coolville, Ohio native said getting to reunite with Stephens and work alongside her brings excitement to the position.

"I'm obviously grateful for the opportunity, but most importantly, I'm excited to get to work with Coach Kim again," Burdette said. "Under her leadership, I think we can build something special here. I

think we have started to with who we are bringing in and who we have coming back. I'm excited for the year. The title is great, but we're more excited to win."

Stephens and Burdette reunite with the Thundering Herd after having coached together for two seasons from 2018-2020 at Glenville State University.

Together, the duo helped coach Glenville State to a 56-8 overall mark, which included a 40-4 mark in conference play and a pair of Mountain East Conference championships.

3 Ways to Use ChatGPT to Help Students Learn -- and Not Cheat

By KUI XIE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Since ChatGPT can engage in conversation and generate essays, computer codes, charts and graphs that closely resemble those created by humans, educators worry students may use it to cheat. A growing number of school districts across the country have decided to block access to ChatGPT on computers and networks.

As professors of educational psychology and educational technology, we've found that the main reason students cheat is their academic motivation. For

example, sometimes students are just motivated to get a high grade, whereas other times they are motivated to learn all that they can about a topic.

The decision to cheat or not, therefore, often relates to how academic assignments and tests are constructed and assessed, not on the availability of technological shortcuts. When they have the opportunity to rewrite an essay or retake a test if they don't do well initially, students are less likely to cheat.

We believe teachers can use ChatGPT to increase their

students' motivation for learning and actually prevent cheating. Here are three strategies for doing that.

Our research demonstrates that students are more likely to cheat when assignments are designed in ways that encourage them to outperform their classmates. In contrast, students are less likely to cheat when teachers assign academic tasks that prompt them to work collaboratively and to focus on mastering content instead of getting a good grade.

Treating ChatGPT as a learning partner can help teachers shift the focus among their students from competition and performance to collaboration and mastery.

For example, a science teacher can assign students to work with ChatGPT to design a hydroponic vegetable garden. In this scenario, students could engage with ChatGPT to discuss the growing requirements for vegetables, brainstorm design ideas for a hydroponic system and analyze pros and cons of the design.

These activities are designed to promote mastery of content as they focus on the processes of learning rather than just the final grade.

Research shows that when students feel confident that they can successfully do the work assigned to them, they are less likely to cheat. And an important way to boost students' confidence is to provide them with opportunities to experience success.

ChatGPT can facilitate such



Students walk through Upper Darby High School.

Courtesy of AP/ Matt Slocum

experiences by offering students individualized support and breaking down complex problems into smaller challenges or tasks.

For example, suppose students are asked to attempt to design a hypothetical vehicle that can use gasoline more efficiently than a traditional car. Students who struggle with the project – and might be inclined to cheat – can use ChatGPT to break down the larger problem into smaller tasks. ChatGPT might suggest they first develop an overall concept for the vehicle before determining the size and weight of the vehicle and deciding what type of fuel will be used. Teachers could also ask students to compare the steps suggested by ChatGPT with steps that are recommended by other sources.

It is well documented that personalized feedback supports students' positive emotions, including self-confidence.

ChatGPT can be directed to

deliver feedback using positive, empathetic and encouraging language. For example, if a student completes a math problem incorrectly, instead of merely telling the student “You are wrong and the correct answer is ...,” ChatGPT may initiate a conversation with the student. Here's a real response generated by ChatGPT: “Your answer is not correct, but it's completely normal to encounter occasional errors or misconceptions along the way. Don't be discouraged by this small setback; you're on the right track! I'm here to support you and answer any questions you may have. You're doing great!”

This will help students feel supported and understood while receiving feedback for improvement. Teachers can easily show students how to direct ChatGPT to provide them such feedback.

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Author, Homer Hickam Shares His Life Story and Announces a New Film Project

By **VICTORIA WARE**
MANAGING EDITOR

Homer Hickam, renowned author of the book “Rocket Boys,” (adapted into the film “October Sky”) detailed the influences he had throughout his life and the pride he takes in being a West Virginian in an on-campus event on May 4, 2023.

During the lecture at Marshall University, Hickam said that the way he was raised by his parents, the people in his hometown of Coalwood, West Virginia and the people of West Virginia at large enabled him to succeed in life. He talked about the people that had an impact on his life, starting with his mother. She taught Homer to read when he was around four years old.

He then discussed his third-grade teacher that assigned her students to write short stories. Hickam said the assignment kicked off his career in writing. His teacher mimeographed his short story and pasted copies of it around the school. She told him he could one day make a living as a writer. This prompted him to start a weekly newspaper called “The Coalwood News.”

His high school science teacher, Frieda Riley, was also included in his list of influences. She was featured in his book, “Rocket Boys,” and its film adaptation, “October Sky.” She was afflicted with Hodgkin’s Disease, and she knew that she was dying throughout Hickam’s time at high school. Despite her illness, she taught class every day until the day she died. Hickam said, as a testament to her dedication, two years after he graduated high school that Riley was even carried to her classroom on a stretcher.

Hickam detailed his time working for NASA and the two individuals that made an impact on his life during that period—the first Black woman in space, Dr. Mae Jemison, and his cat, Paco. He was assigned as the training manager



Author, Homer Hickam

Courtesy of Marshall University Communications

for the first joint Japanese-American human spaceflight. He said that Jemison was willing to do an autogenic feedback training experiment, yet other astronauts at the time refused to do the experiment due to the sickness that it induced.

Hickam said that Jemison became sick while in orbit. To comfort her, he played a recording of his cat meowing because of Jemison’s affinity for it. Once she heard the meowing, her sickness went away, and her biological transmission returned to normal. Paco’s meowing was found to be the first cat sound ever heard in space.

Hickam also announced his involvement in a new movie. It will be based on his book, “The Coalwood Way.” The film will be titled “December Sky” and will take place during “Rocket Boys.” He said he “fought a little battle with Universal [Studios]” and ended up receiving the rights to the characters from “Rocket Boys.” An actor from West Virginia, Kevin Sizemore, will be a part of the production, and the film will be made in West Virginia.

He concluded his lecture by praising the values that West Virginians possess.

“I’ve always said that our greatest natural resource and our greatest export is our people,” Hickam said. “We go out with values that we don’t even know we have until we get out amongst everybody else, and we realize how powerful and strong we are by where we came from and how we were raised. Invariably, when West Virginians go out in the world, we are very successful.”

“We are proud of who we are. We are proud of being West Virginians,” Hickam said. “We love that we’re West Virginians. We love where we came from. We are simply proud of who we are, and we stand up for what we believe. We are taught at an early age to stand up for what we believe. That doesn’t mean we go around screaming and yelling at people—we don’t do that. Quietly we articulate as best we can what we believe. Once we’re out in the world, those values mean a lot to other people. They see that we sincerely believe what we believe.”

University Honors Juneteenth National Independence Day



Poster for the Juneteenth Celebration event

Courtesy of Marshall University News

By **VICTORIA WARE**
MANAGING EDITOR

Live music, food and giveaways will be featured in Marshall’s Juneteenth Celebration on June 16.

The band Redline will be performing at the event. They are a R&B/neo-soul group based in Charleston, West Virginia. The event will be held from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Harless Field between Harless Dining Hall and City National Bank, and will be free of charge.

Juneteenth was first recognized as a federal holiday when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act in 2021. The holiday is celebrated on June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of African American slaves. It honors the day in 1865 (over 2 years after enslaved people were deemed free) when Union Army troops entered Texas to free the remaining slaves. It is considered the longest-running African American holiday.

How Galleries are Investing In Art Now

By **NEWSWIRE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today’s art galleries are under assault from online sales and the steadily rising costs of real estate in the major cities in which the finest galleries are located. As a result, taking on a new artist represents a significant investment for a gallery owner. After all, in addition to providing exhibition space, galleries are tasked with marketing artists’ work, selling their work, and participating in the development of the artists they represent. As researchers at Yieldstreet have come to understand, when it comes to how galleries are investing in

art now, the key factors are relationships, reputation, and relevance.

Gallery owners seldom work with unknown artists who wander in off the street or contact them via social media. Instead, gallery owners tend to depend on their personal connections to find artists whose work fits their galleries. usually seek recommendations from dealers and/or curators with whom they are familiar and whose opinions they trust.

Before agreeing to provide representation, a gallery owner’s due diligence encompasses an artist’s resume, reputation, and accomplishments.

Senate passes GOP bill overturning student loan cancellation, teeing it up for Biden veto

By **COLLIN BINKLEY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican measure overturning President Joe Biden's student loan cancellation plan passed the Senate on Thursday and now awaits an expected veto.

The vote was 52-46, with support from Democratic Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Jon Tester of Montana as well as Arizona Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, an independent. The resolution was approved last week by the GOP-controlled House by a 218-203 vote.

Biden has pledged to keep in place his commitment to cancel up to \$20,000 in federal student loans for 43 million people. The legislation adds to Republican criticism of the plan, which was halted in November in response to lawsuits from conservative opponents.

The Supreme Court heard arguments in February in a challenge to Biden's move, with the conservative majority seemingly ready to sink the plan. A decision is expected in the coming weeks.



President Joe Biden talks with reporters on the South Lawn of the White House before traveling to Colorado.

Courtesy of the AP/Susan Walsh

"The president's student loan schemes do not 'forgive' debt, they just shift the burden from those who chose to take out loans onto those who never went to college or already fulfilled their commitment to pay off their loans," said Louisiana Sen. Bill Cassidy, lead sponsor of the Senate push.

The legislation aims to revoke Biden's cancellation plan and curtail the Education Department's ability to cancel student loans in the future. It would rescind Biden's latest extension of a payment pause that began early in the pandemic. It would retroactively add several months of student loan interest that was waived by Biden's extension.

It would also roll back months of progress borrowers made toward loan cancellation through the Public Service

Loan Forgiveness program. Those who recently had their debt canceled through the program would have their loans reinstated.

The GOP challenge invoked the Congressional Review Act, which allows Congress to undo recently enacted executive branch regulations. Passing a resolution requires a simple majority in both chambers, but overriding a presidential veto requires two-thirds majorities in the House and Senate, and Republicans aren't expected to have enough support to do that.

"If Republicans were to get their way and pass this bill into law, people across the country would have relief they are counting on snatched away from them," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash.



Courtesy of the AP/Alex Brandon

Nevada governor signs law allowing religious, cultural regalia at graduations

By **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Gov. Joe Lombardo on Thursday signed a bill permitting Nevada students to wear religious and cultural regalia for graduation ceremonies.

Students are entitled to express themselves at graduation through any unique cultural and religious identity, Lombardo said.

"This legislation will allow students to walk with pride and confidence at their graduation, and I'm grateful to all of the teachers, legislators, and students who worked to get it to my desk," he said in a statement.

Several lawmakers and students, most of them of Native American ancestry, attended the signing.

A similar measure passed

in Oklahoma on Thursday when the Legislature overrode Gov. Kevin Stitt's veto. The bill allows students to wear Native American regalia during high school and college graduations. The state House and Senate easily cleared the two-thirds threshold needed to uphold the measure, which takes effect July 1.

It had strong support from many Oklahoma-based tribes and Native American citizens.

Conflict over proper graduation attire has resulted in laws in nearly a dozen states making it illegal to prohibit Native American students from donning regalia that reflects their heritage.

New Student Orientation to Begin Next Week

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NEWS EDITOR

Huntington is set to welcome new sons and daughters of Marshall to campus during Orientation.

Marshall's New Student Orientation allows for freshman and transfer students to get a taste of the upcoming academic year. New students will get to meet with staff, tour campus and its facilities and receive their fall semester schedule. They will also get the chance

to meet with an academic advisor.

Dr. Sherri Stepp, associate dean of undergraduate studies, believes that attending New Student Orientation will harbor success for a student.

"During orientation, students will begin building a network of resources that will help them throughout their college experience," she said in a Marshall University news release.

New Student Orientation will take place

on the following dates: June 13-16, July 11-14 and Aug. 3-4 on the main Huntington campus. The June sessions are already full, and new students who will be attending Marshall remotely can register for an online orientation.

Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to register for the new Marshall Adventure Program. This limited-spot program allows freshmen to take a trip through West Virginia

with other incoming freshmen.

"Student success, both in and out of the classroom, is our focus at Marshall, and there is nothing better to help you get started on your journey than our New Student Orientation program," Stepp said.



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Crashed Plane in Virginia Lost Contact With Air Traffic Controllers During Ascent, Feds Say

By SARAH BRUMFIELD, JAKE OFFENHARTZ and BEN FINLEY
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Only minutes into a doomed journey that ended on a remote Virginia mountain, the pilot of a business jet was not responding to air traffic control instructions and the situation was soon reported to a network that includes military, security and law enforcement agencies, according to federal aviation officials.

Despite being out of contact on its ascent Sunday afternoon, the jet that had just taken off from a Tennessee airport continued toward its intended destination on Long Island, then turned to fly back to Virginia where it slammed into a mountain, killing the four people aboard.

Family and friends identified two of the victims as an entrepreneur known in New York real-estate circles and her 2-year-old daughter.

Outside aviation experts continued to speculate that the pilot likely lost consciousness from a lack of oxygen inside the jet when it climbed above 10,000 feet (3,048

meters), the altitude that typically requires cabin pressurization.

“The most likely scenario right now is a pressurization failure or a mis-setting of the pressurization system,” said Alan Diehl, an aviation psychologist who previously worked for the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Transportation Safety Board and the U.S. Air Force. In the late 1960s, Diehl also helped design the original model of the plane, the Cessna Citation, that crashed in Virginia.

It’s unclear when the pilot stopped responding to air traffic controllers. But their last attempt to reach him occurred 15 minutes after takeoff, according to the FAA.

The plane could have surpassed 10,000 feet (3,048 meters) in just a few minutes, Diehl said. However, the pilot may have had to wait for some period of time after takeoff before he was cleared for higher altitudes.

Depending on the jet’s altitude as well as the pilot’s age and health, he likely had minutes — or even less than a minute — to react as his brain suffered a decline in oxygen, Diehl said.

“The one other thing that they probably can’t eliminate at this point is some kind of medical issue,” Diehl said.

A heart attack, brain aneurysm and over-the-counter medications, such as antihistamines, can affect a pilot’s ability to fly the airplane and recognize there may be a problem with the cabin’s oxygen levels and pressurization.

Fighter jet pilots sent to intercept the business jet reported that its pilot appeared slumped over and unresponsive, three U.S. officials said Monday. The officials had been briefed on the matter and spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss details of the military operation.

The plane took an erratic flight path — turning around over Long Island to fly directly over the nation’s capital — which prompted the military to scramble fighter jets. This caused a sonic boom heard in Washington, Maryland and Virginia.

On Monday, it took investigators several hours to hike into the rural area where the plane crashed about 60 miles (97 kilometers) southwest of



A crew of workers among the wreckage

Courtesy of AP/Dave Weaver

Charlottesville. They expect to be on the scene for at least three to four days.

Diehl, the aviation psychologist, said investigators often dig deeply into a pilot’s background following a crash. For instance, did he or she have training in the military to recognize the signs of low-cabin pressure? Were they a risk taker? What were the results of their last flight physical?

Investigators will also review the recordings of the pilot’s last communications with air traffic control. They’ll check for a change

in speech patterns, such as slower talking, that could indicate low-oxygen levels. But testing oxygen levels in blood and human tissue could be unlikely given the high impact of the crash, Diehl said.

At a briefing Monday, NTSB investigator Adam Gerhardt said the wreckage is “highly fragmented” and investigators will examine the most delicate evidence at the site, after which the wreckage will be moved, perhaps by helicopter, to Delaware, where it can be further examined.

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