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Marshall Prepares for New Student Orientation

plains some things with their award

letters and scholarships."

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By EVAN GREEN EXECUTIVE EDITOR

As new students prepare to join the Herd this fall, Marshall's orientation leaders are preparing for their arrival at this summer's orientation sessions. The orientations occur throughout June and July and are designed to equip incoming students with the tools they need for their first semester.

"The things that we really want students to come away with, first and foremost, is getting them connected to the university," said Lisa Williamson, Marshall's director of orientation, outreach and special events. "We want them to feel a connection with their orientation leader; we want them to connect with people throughout the day and kind of put them at ease once they meet their academic adviser and they go over their fall schedule. That's what a lot of the students look most forward to,"

At orientation, students are placed into groups led by an orientation leader, and they rotate to different stations throughout the day to hear from various groups on campus.

Students will rotate through four stations during their orientation: housing and dining, which is led by Sodexo, the group that manages Marshall's on-campus dining, and Housing and Residence Life, which oversees the dorms; advising, which gives students a chance to meet with their academic adviser and learn about their fall schedule; information technology, where students will get a chance to learn about the technology at Marshall and Student Life, which walks attendees through the student organizations on campus.

Between morning and afternoon sessions, a student resource fair is held to showcase the resources Marshall students have access to as students. After the day's programming, students and parents can receive a campus tour from orientation leaders, including a tour of the new Brad D. Smith Center for Business and Innovation.

In addition to the student programming, orientation also provides opportunities for parents and family members to learn more about Marshall's services.

"A lot of parents do come. Some students will bring an older sibling, or some students might just bring a friend to go around with them," Williamson said. "For parents and guests, we have a program in the morning. Once the students go on to start their



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Marshall's logo stands just outside the oldest building on campus, Old Main, which students can encounter during campus tours offered during orientation.

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rotations, we have a program called 'Supporting Your Student,' and that's for our guests to kind of go through. We give them a lot of information, such as housing and dining, what things are like in the dorms and meal plans." The Bursar's office talks to them for a little bit; financial aid exPhoto by Evan Green

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Parents are given several options to explore Marshall and Huntington in the afternoon, from campus tours and a tour of special collections in Morrow Library to meetings with a financial aid adviser. Parents are also given a bus ticket for the Green Machine, Marshall's bus service, which can take them to Pullman Square in downtown Huntington to explore or shop.

Before orientation, students are expected to complete their intent to enroll, contact housing about dorms, complete a placement survey and fill out their FAFSA. However, if they haven't done so beforehand, students will have resources available on site to help them complete these tasks.

Orientation may look different for students who are not traditional first-year freshmen living on campus. In the past, transfer students completed orientation alongside incoming freshmen, but this year marks the first year specific orientation dates have been set aside for this group of students.

These orientation sessions will be smaller, but Williamson hopes they will allow transfer students to connect with others in similar situations since all attendees will be transfer students.

For online-only students, orientation will be held through a selfpaced Blackboard course students complete to help them learn important tools for completing their online education.

Williamson and Brennan Amaral,

the assistant director of campus experience, say the most exciting part of orientation for students is the reality they're about to begin their college journeys, which provides them with a chance to glimpse into their futures at Marshall.

This is the first year Williamson and Amaral are working with orientation, as the event shifted out of the Office of Recruitment in the past and is now being moved back to their office.

The recruitment office's ability to

reach out to prospective students before orientation through text messaging makes them uniquely suited to stay in contact with incoming students and avoid "summer melt," a phenomenon in which students get lost in the summer transition from high school to college.

One change the office made for their first year running orientation was to provide more options for parents in the afternoon to explore campus and Huntington in different ways.

Ben Eng Chosen as Interim Dean for School of Business

By SARAH DAVIS MANAGING EDITOR

A former business professor will level up to an administrative role in July, according to an announcement made by Provost Avi Mukherjee.

Ben Eng, associate professor of marketing and entrepreneurship, will become the interim dean of the Lewis College of Business/Brad D. Smith School of Business and Innovation.

Eng is replacing Dean Don Capener, who has been in the role since 2023, following a leadership role at Utah Valley University. Capener is stepping down to "increase flexibility and grow his strategy consulting activity," but his work on campus is not done yet.

"He will be joining our faculty and continuing to enrich our institution with his expertise," Mukherjee said in the announcement. "Dr. Eng brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to his new position," Mukherjee said. "Dr. Eng's commitment to academic excellence has earned him prestigious teaching awards and recognition for his influential work in design thinking."

Mukherjee also noted Eng has found himself in numerous roles at Marshall: professor, assistant provost and director of the iCenter – saying Eng's most recent endeavor will enrich his skills as dean.

"His concurrent role as assistant provost for academic engagement and innovation since 2022 further strengthens his preparedness as a leader for the Lewis College of Business during this transitional period," he said.

Eng said that while his new role will call him to take a break from the provost and director positions, he will still teach students in the classroom.

"For the Fall semester, I'd committed to teaching two courses before I was named Interim Dean. Because they're both new preps and are very unique courses, it'd be a hardship for another faculty member to pick up those courses for me," he said. "As for the innovation work that I've been doing across campus, I'll be stepping away from both the Executive Director of the iCenter and Assistant Provost roles."

The leadership change comes just months after the new Brad D. Smith School of Business and Innovation opened up on Huntington's 4th Avenue.

Eng will begin operating as the school's dean on July 12. He said his first priority is caring for the school. "As an Interim Dean, my primary responsibility is to be a caretaker of the College of Business so that we continue to have smooth operations," he said.

During Eng's newfound leadership, Marshall is set to search for the school's permanent dean, with hopes of filling the position by the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.

Eng said he is most looking forward to serving the Marshall and Huntington communities even further.

"I'm looking forward to working together, as a team, with the stu-

dents, faculty, staff, Board of Advisors, and the local business community to innovate new and exciting ways to create and spread business knowledge that brings prosperity to our students, to West Virginia, and beyond," he said.



Interim Dean of the School of Business Dr. Ben Eng

Courtesy of Marshall University

Cyber Security Institute to Advance University

BV BAYLEE PARSONS NEWS EDITOR

Starting in 2026, Marshall students will have access to a state-of-the-art building that be a national center to help deis the only of its kind in the country.

"We're going to bring everything cyber together in one physical space here on Marshall University's campus, which is just a huge deal," said Bill Gardner, associate professor of Cyber Forensics and Security. "We don't have another center like that in the United States."

While the University of Texas at San Antonio has a similar research center, Marshall's \$45 million Institute for Cyber Se-

curity is set to provide students and faculty with unique opportunities, Gardner said.

"We have an opportunity to fend the nation's critical infrastructure," Gardner said, listing water, electricity and the internet as three of the country's most essential structures.

In the age of the internet, Gardner said the United States must be protected from potential attacks on our economy, and the Institute for Cyber Security will provide a place for this type of research to be conducted.

"We're trying to build an institute that will help bring the brightest minds and the re-

search dollars to Huntington, West Virginia, so that we can fight against these sorts of threats," he said.

With the new building being a research institute composed of different colleges and departments rather than an academic institution dedicated to one program, the Institute for Cyber Security will have several components, said Jack McFee, cyber forensic researcher and instructor.

Along with a variety of spaces dedicated to specific labs, McFee said the institute will have headquarters for offices of the federal government.

"The Department of Defense, JFHQ-DODIN and U.S. Cyber Command will have their own dedicated space in the building to set up shop, and that will be a big boom to the Huntington economy," he said.

"As we know, West Virginia is kind of hemorrhaging people, unfortunately," McFee added.

"One of the purposes of this is to bring people back and get people to stay, and the only way to do that is to offer a competitive workplace environment."

Gardner said the partnered institute will also provide students with access to internships, which will allow them to

work through college.

McFee highlighted the importance of this opportunity, saying, "That's what employers are looking for nowadays; having hands-on experience in concepts and theory is one thing, but the hands-on aspect of what this program has to offer is definitely above and bevond."

As a former undergraduate student of Marshall's Cyber Forensics and Security program, McFee said, "It's a really exciting time to be joining this program because you'll be able to see the changes in the next couple of years, and they're going to be good changes."

The construction site is located across Old Main Photo by Sarah Davis on 4th Avenue.

Institute for Cyber Security

This image depicts the new cyber security building, which is set to open in 2026.

Photo courtesy of Marshall University





Community Cares Reaches Campus and Beyond



Members of the community helped beautify campus as part of Community Cares week.

By BAYLEE PARSONS NEWS EDITOR

The influx of volunteers who show out for Marshall's Community Cares Week is caused by a general devotion to the university, said the senior vice president for operations following this year's event.

"I think people love Marshall," Brandi-Jacobs Jones said. "When you ask anyone what makes Marshall special, people talk about that it's a family."

"Every family has a home base, and this is our home base, so we want to make sure our home is clean and shiny and represents the absolute best of who we are," she said.

Marshall's third annual Community Cares Week, which took place May 14-17, brought 1,088 volunteers to Huntington who provided 3,415 service hours

- a 55% growth from last year. Volunteers primarily

performed landscaping tasks around the university's main campus, including carrying and placing 103 tons, or 206,000 pounds, of stone and landscape rock, Jacobs-Jones said.

"It's a week of intense work, but it's a lot of fun," Jacobs-Jones said. "People really do smile and have a good time as they're doing it."

Volunteers ranged from campus employees to alumni to children, with May 14 marking the event's kid-friendly day.

"Something we noticed last year was that folks really liked bringing their children with them," Jacobs-Jones said.

This year, children, alongside Marshall President Brad D. Smith and First Lady Smith, removed winter plants from the flower beds and replaced them

with 505 summer flowers.

Mother-daughter duo Katie and Cailyn Counts spent the week painting the walls of Buskirk Hall together.

"It was a cool environment where everybody was just excited to do something and to help out," Katie said.

Photo courtesy of Ryan Fischer

Although this was the pair's first year participating, Katie said they would "definitely" return next year, especially with Cailyn being a potential daughter of the Herd in the future.

Tasks did not just take place the Huntington campus, on though, as the South Charleston

and the Mid-Ohio Valley Center campuses, along with 21 alumni chapters, took advantage of the time as well.

Provost Avi Mukherjee, for instance, worked with the university's alumni chapter in Shanghai during his visit to China, Jacobs-Jones said, and the Annapolis, Maryland, chapter prepared their community pool for its summer opening.

Jacobs-Jones said the Community Cares Committee, made up of representatives from different departments around campus, meets after the event each year to discuss how they can improve in the event in the coming year.

"It's just this continual improvement process that we embark on to make it the best experience for the campus and our volunteers," Jacobs-Jones said.



Photo by Baylee Parsons

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Huntington Hotspots: Sloane Square Gallery

By MAGGIE GIBBS STAFF REPORTER

At Sloane Square Gallery, lifestyle and art find harmony. Recognized by the Herald-Dispatch as the Best in the Tri-State in 2023, this gallery is unlike any other. Like a scene out of "Alice in Wonderland," the accessories ask to be touched, the chairs to be sat in, the candy to be eaten and the piano to be played. The owners, designer Jimmy Hobbs and artist Jamie Sloane, are trying to "break the stigma attached to art galleries."

A Huntington native, Sloane split his time between Columbus, Ohio, where he spent his school year, and his summers in Wayne County. He attributes his artistic and musical talent to his mother.

"People thought we were wealthy just because mom was so creative, making everything out of nothing: curtains, clothes, everything," he reminisced. "I would ask her, 'Where did you learn that,' and she would just shrug and go, 'I don't know; I just did it."

Initially trained as a composer, Sloane returned to West Virginia after a stint trying to compose for movies in California. Sloane and Hobbs initially connected sixteen years ago when Sloane was a budding artist living in Gallipolis, Ohio. Initially mistaking him for a collector due to the abundance of artwork in his family home, Hobbs was shocked when he learned that Sloane had painted everything himself.

Encouraging him to sell his work, Hobbs said, "You don't know me well enough to know that this is a compliment, but I would hang these in my home."

Hobbs grew up in Gallipolis, and was born with a love of antiques and

an eye for design. As a little child, he would be caught rearranging people's décor.

"My mom said then, 'I always knew what you were going to do for a living," Hobbs said.

So, while Sloane paints every piece of art in the gallery, Hobbs is the curator, meticulously selecting everything, from accessories to furniture to rugs. However, unlike most galleries, it is set up with the average person in mind.

"Our hanging system is at eight feet, on purpose, so that you can see how these paintings can work in your home," Hobbs said. Even the room settings are created to mimic the average home.

Hobbs added options about different price ranges, saying, "I make sure there are things in the store that, for example, every Marshall student can afford to decorate their homes with." Besides his natural eye for design, Hobbs credits his love for this line of work to working in the service industry for over 35 years, finding people to be the best part of his work, a love that persists.

After the two met, Hobbs was the driving factor in Sloane displaying and selling his art.

"He pulled me out of obscurity," Sloane said. Without Sloane's knowledge, Hobbs scheduled him for an art show at the French Art Colony in Gallipolis. "I told him I wasn't ready," Sloane recalled, "and he told me, 'You'll never feel ready; you just have to do it."

Today, Sloane has had three solo shows at the Huntington Museum of Art, one of which is his Visitor's Series, which features a portrait of his mother, "Just Do It."



An assortment of collectible glass at the entrance of the gallery.

Photos by Maggie Gibbs



Jamie Sloane and Jimmy Hobbs own the Sloane Square Gallery in Huntington.

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A Look at Campus





Path between Old Main and Smith Hall

Photo by Scott Price



Stairs leading to Old Main

Photo by Sarah Davis



Flower garden at the Memorial Student Center

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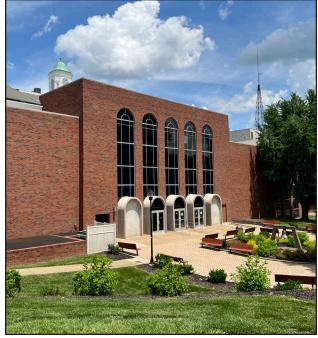
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Walking path to Harris Hall



Morrow Library



Towers Marketplace



The Rec Soccer Field

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Keeping Your Dorm Clean

By SCOTT PRICE CHIEF COPY EDITOR

Many students attending Marshall have never lived on their own; college is their first experience being independent and in charge of themselves. With this influx of responsibility, an important skill everyone can learn is the ability to keep their personal space clean and organized.

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One of the biggest worries for incoming freshmen and students moving into the dorms for the first time is what they need to bring with them during move in. While many items, such as a microwave and a mini fridge, are important, ones often overlooked are cleaning supplies.

Depending on what dormitory you are placed in, your cleaning needs will vary. For instance, students who are living in the First Year Residence Halls should prepare supplies to clean the tile floor they will be moving in to. The dorms in North and South do not have carpet flooring students need to clean.

First Year Residence Halls students should also bring bathroom cleaning supplies, as each dorm has their own adjoining private bathroom. Bathroom amenities and cleaning are not provided.

Another dormitory students can find themselves placed in is Twin Towers East and Twin Towers West. These rooms, like North and South, have tile flooring that will need swept and mopped.

However, unlike North and South, residents in Towers share two communal bathrooms per floor. Students are not required to clean or provide for these bathrooms, but will need to bring their own towels, washrags, shampoo, body wash etc.

Students who live in the women's residence hall, Buskirk, can expect the same conditions as those living in Towers. Their dorms are tile floors, and they will share communal bathrooms that will be kept up by staff.

Students living in the Commons dorms, Gibson, Haymaker, Wellman and Willis, are a different case. Their suite-style dorms contain a carpeted common area and tile bedrooms. In addition, each four-person suite has one bathroom that is split into a toilet room, shower room and a double sink main area. Eight-person suites contain two of the bathrooms.

While students are left to their own whims on when to clean their dorm, it is usually a good idea to dedicate at least one day a week to cleaning their living area. This will ensure messes and laundry do not pile up.

Students should keep in mind that the halls are only worked on by staff during the weekdays.



Twin Towers East (left) and Twin Towers West (right)

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First Year North Residence Hall

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Their gallery opened on July 1st, 2021, and people lined the sidewalks in the rain. Sloane's entire collection sold out that day; today, his pieces sell almost immediately. In addition to paintings, Sloane also produces a clothing and an accessory line using his paintings, most notably his The Master's Series, depicting notable artists such as Salvador Dali, Gustav Klimt, Frida Kahlo, Jean-Michel Basquiat, and more.

Looking ahead, the Sloane Gallery is not just a dream; it's a reality. And its founders, Hobbs and Sloane, are not just dreamers; they are doers. Their unwavering commitment to supporting other artists is a testament to their belief in the transformative power of art. Sloane has three more series in the pipeline, and they are preparing to welcome a new neighbor, Beth Darby, who is opening an apothecary. Darby generously purchased the corner lot for their shared use. Hobbs explained, "The lot on the side will be a space where artists can exhibit their works free of charge because most artists don't have the funds to rent out spaces; we didn't! So we always said that if we got to a better place, we would make sure and help people, and now it's a reality."

If you're eager to delve deeper into Jamie Sloane's artistic process, a PBS documentary about him, 'VISITEURS,' is available on YouTube. Experience the magic of Sloane Gallery yourself in Central City at 611 14th W, where Jimmy will warmly welcome you. Each visit is unique as the gallery is constantly evolving.



Sloane Square Gallery is located at 611 14th St. W in Huntington.



Visitors can find an array of artwork inside.



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The Parthenon SPOTLIGHT **BeyondMU: Trump Convicted of 34 Felonies**



By MATTHEW SCHAFFER GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Former President Donald Trump was found guilty on Thursday, May 30, of 34 felony charges by the Manhattan District Attorney, marking a first in American history.

The Republican nominee was convicted on 34 charges of falsify-

ing business records relating to hush money payments made to adult film actress Stormy Daniels during his 2016 presidential campaign.

In 2016, Trump's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, paid a large sum of money to Daniels to cover up an alleged sexual encounter between the two. Trump later repaid Cohen by setting up a Limited Liability Company.

The case marks the first time that a former president has been convicted of felony charges, though the charges do not prohibit Trump from running for office.

West Virginia Gov. and Trump ally, Jim Justice, responded in a statement asking, "What is happening in America?"

Justice went on to call the verdict "deeply troubling" and a "politicized decision" as he referred to the case as a "witch hunt," echoing the sentiment that Trump himself used in the past relating to his impeachment trials.

"President Trump has always put America first and fought for the values that make our nation great," Justice said. "He and the entire Trump family are champions for America.

He reiterated his commitment to help Trump win re-election in a face-off against incumbent President Joe Biden in what is shaping up to be a rematch of the 2020 election.

"I will always treasure my friendship with Donald J. Trump

and the Trump family and never waiver in my support," he said. "We must do all we can to help re-elect President Trump in November.

Justice is currently campaigning to fill the U.S. Senate seat that will be left vacant after former Democrat, now Independent, Joe Manchin retires.

Trump is gearing up for a rematch against Biden while also facing several other legal battles, both civil and federal, including one in Georgia relating to election interference after allegedly asking Georgia officials to "come up with" votes in his re-election bid in 2020 and one in Washington D.C. over the incitement of the Jan. 6 riot and election interference.

Biden also faces challenges going into election season with abysmal polling with Morning Consult reporting 44% favorability from over 2,000 likely voters as critics have voiced disapproval over his handling of the economy and foreign policy, particularly relating to the Israel-Hamas war.

A lot will be determined on election day, Nov. 5, on whether Trump's legal troubles have an impact on voters, but recent polling remains steady with Trump also residing in the low 40s, according to Morning Consult.



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The Herd went 6-7 overall in the 2023 season.

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Sept. 21: @ Ohio State

Sept. 28: vs. Western Michigan @ Marshall

Oct. 5: vs. App State @ Marshall

Oct. 12: @ Georgia Southern

Oct. 17: vs. Georgia State @ Marshall

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Nov. 9: @ Southern Miss

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