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# WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

September 17, 2014

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## Grand opening of Visual Arts Center slated for Sept. 18-19

Marshall University will celebrate the grand opening of its Visual Arts Center in downtown Huntington this week with a series of events open to the public over a two-day period.

The center is the renovated former Anderson-Newcomb, then Stone & Thomas department store, located at 927 3rd Ave. Marshall purchased the building in 2012 and work began in January 2013 to transform it to the permanent home of the School of Art and Design. The building opened when fall classes began Aug. 25.

Here is a look at each day's public activities:



### Thursday, Sept. 18

3 p.m., ribbon-cutting ceremony begins.  
Speakers include:

College of Arts and Media Dean Donald Van Horn;  
Barry Taylor, chair of the Campaign for Distinction;  
Sandra Reed, Director of the School of Art and Design;  
Hannah Saxton, Marshall student in the School of Art and Design;

President Dr. Stephen J. Kopp; and,  
Huntington Mayor Steve Williams

3:45 p.m., actual ribbon-cutting; includes each of the ceremony speakers, plus

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gayle Ormiston;

HMDA Board President Roger Smith; and,

HADCO President Gary Walton.

A reception will follow.



## Friday, Sept. 19

5 to 8 p.m., Community Open House

- This open house will provide the only chance for the public to tour floors two through six, which normally are reserved for students, faculty and staff. The first floor is the only floor that is regularly open to the public.
- Student tour coordinators will guide visitors through the building.
- The Visual Arts Center's grand opening exhibition, "We ART Marshall," will be on display in the first-floor gallery. It will feature works by artists and art educators who have made a significant contribution to the School of Art and Design over the years. Additionally, work by faculty, alumni and friends of the School of Art and Design will be exhibited throughout floors two through six. An opening reception for the exhibition

will take place at 4 p.m.

- A demonstration will take place on the 3rd floor by printmaking professor Peter Massing and photography associate professor Daniel Kaufmann.
- A hands-on workshop will take place on the 5th floor by art education professor Dr. Maribea Barnes. The first 100 participants of this workshop will receive a Visual Arts Center imprinted apron.
- Attendees will have the opportunity to have their memories of the building's past archived at Marshall University. Students will have a Story Booth set up on the first floor where they will be privately interviewing participants using audio and video. As space and time for these interviews may be limited, the public is encouraged to call 304-696-4822 to make appointments for interview space.
- 5 to 5:30 p.m., and 6 to 6:30 p.m., live music. Marshall University's Jazz Combo will play at Pullman Square.
- 5:40 p.m., Bison unveiling. Mayor Steve Williams, Metropolitan Partners' Bill Dargusch and College of Arts and Media Dean Donald Van Horn will join School of Art and Design sophomore Brianna Jarvis for the unveiling of the life-size fiberglass bison that will make its home at Pullman Square across the street from the Visual Arts Center. Earlier this year, Jarvis won a public art competition called New Connections, a project funded by Pullman Square and representing the new connections that the Visual Arts Center will make to the future and community.
- 6:30 to 8 p.m., radio broadcast. The W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications' WMUL-FM will broadcast live at the event.
- Light refreshments will be served on the first floor.

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## Reed named director of School of Art and Design

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Sandra Reed has been named the new director of Marshall University's School of Art and Design.

Reed said she is honored to join the university right when its commitment to the visual art and design is transforming historic downtown Huntington.

“This is a special place at a special time,” Reed said. “The opportunity to lead the faculty and students of the School of Art and Design as they fulfill the potential of the Visual Arts Center as a destination for vibrant study, creative production, dialogue, and exhibition was a major factor in my decision to accept the position as Director of the School of Art and Design.”

College of Arts and Media Dean Donald Van Horn said Reed's appointment comes at an important time for the university.

“We reviewed many quality candidates from across the country, but it was Sandra's talent, knowledge and experiences that made her the best choice,” Van Horn said. “The Visual Arts Center downtown is the premier center for the visual arts, and Sandra will represent it well. She's a great fit.”

Reed said her two decades of experience and administration at the Savannah College of Art and Design have prepared her for the position.

“I've hit the ground running,” Reed said.

A painter by trade, Reed has held leadership roles in New York City and a position as the academic director for two full academic terms at the Savannah College of Art and Design site in Lacoste, France. Reed's educational background includes two degrees earned with honors: a bachelor's from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and a master's in painting from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She has had work featured in the National Museum of Women in the Arts in D.C., the Ogden Museum of Art in New Orleans, Blue Gallery in Lacoste, and Gallery in Cork in London.

Grand opening events for the Visual Arts Center are scheduled for this week, including a ribbon-cutting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18. There will be an opening reception for the first art exhibition, “We ART Marshall,” at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19, as well as a community open house from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19.

A video about Reed can be seen at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_WTxjtY\\_JCU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_WTxjtY_JCU).

To learn more about the School of Art and Design or the Visual Arts Center, visit [www.marshall.edu/art](http://www.marshall.edu/art).

## Constitution Week activities continue through Sept. 25

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Constitution Week at Marshall, an annual observance to commemorate the adoption of the United States Constitution and the contributions of Chief Justice John Marshall for whom the university is named continues with several activities over the next week.

Dr. Alan Gould, director of the John Deaver Drinko Academy, which sponsors Constitution Week activities, said Constitution Week was started by U. S. Senator Robert C. Byrd in order to draw attention to the important document that our system of government is based upon.

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, the President's Invitational Quits Media Challenge will take place at 11:30 a.m. WSAZ's Tim Irr and Keith Morehouse will return to defend their championship. All quits action takes place on the west end of Buskirk Field. Before the media quits challenge begins, President Kopp will cut the John Marshall birthday cake on the Memorial Student Center plaza. In addition to cake, kettle corn and punch will be served.

Other events include:

- Monday, Sept. 22 – 5:30 p.m., in the John Marshall Room in the Memorial Student Center – announcement of the winner of the Dan O'Hanlon Constitution Week and John Marshall Celebration Essay Competition;
- Thursday, Sept. 25 – 12:30 p.m., in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre, Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center – The Robert C. Byrd Forum on Civic Responsibility, featuring Steve Williams, mayor of Huntington. He will speak on "Civic Responsibility and Obligations Citizens have to Local Government."

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## Fall General Faculty meeting is Sept. 23; 62 new faculty to be introduced

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The Fall General Faculty meeting of the 2014-2015 academic year will take place at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre of the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

The agenda will consist of welcoming remarks by the Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Larry Stickler; the introduction of new administrators by Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gayle Ormiston; introduction of 62 new faculty by Stickler, School of Medicine Dean Dr. Joseph Shapiro and School of Pharmacy Dean Dr. Kevin Yingling; a State of the Faculty Address by Stickler and a State of the University Address by University President Dr. Stephen J. Kopp.

All faculty, staff, students and members of the public are invited to attend. After the meeting a reception to honor the new university personnel will be held in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center.

New administrative positions to be introduced are: Dr. R.B. Bookwalter, dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Dru Bora, associate dean of the College of Science; Dr. Leonard White, School of Medicine associate dean for diversity; Dr. Ali Olashirazi, School of Medicine vice dean of business development/external affairs; and Dr. James Becker, School of Medicine senior associate dean for clinical affairs.

New faculty to be introduced are:

- College of Education and Professional Development – Tina Allen, Ruthann Arneson, Jane Bogan, Teresa Clark, Jeradi Cohen, Rebecca Jennings-Knotts and Camille Ramsey;
- College of Arts & Media – Johan Botes, Adam Dalton, Jason Lovins, Sandra Reed, Steven Trinkle and Ryan Wilson;
- College of Health Professions – Joseph Beckett, Elizabeth Casey, Jessica Maynard, Robert Powell and Kelly Rutherford;
- College of Information Technology and Engineering – Gregory Michaelson and Sarder Sadique;
- College of Liberal Arts – Charles Arthur, Joel Peckham and Maggie Stone;
- College of Science – Whitney Flesher, Herman Mays Jr. and Jennifer Mosher;
- College of Business – Erik Bushey, Jonathan Butler, Ben Eng, Susan Lanham, Uyi Lawani, Keri Lucas and Ralph McKinney;
- Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine – Akash Ajmera, Sutoidem Akpanudo, Mohammed Al-Ourani, Amanda Arrington, Kathryn Bell, Nadim Bou Zgheib, Todd Derreberry, Jennifer Gerlach, Suzanne Holroyd, Rodhan Khthir, Yehuda Lebowicz, Mary Legenza, Muhammad Mahmood, Sarah Miles, Jan Muizelaar, David Rupp, Jonathon Salava, Elizabeth Saunders, Mahmoud Shorman, Kara Willenburg and Charles Yarbrough;
- School of Pharmacy – Christopher Booth, Ashley Brown, Crystal Heise, Jeremy McAleer, Shekher Mohan and Megan Peterson;
- University Libraries – Jackie Diorio and Lori Thompson.

## 5K Run/Walk to benefit foundation for American Syringomyelia and Chiari Alliance Project

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Marshall University's Army ROTC program is helping to sponsor a 5K run/walk event Saturday, Sept. 27, to assist those with Chiari malformation, syringomyelia and related disorders. It will take place beginning at 8 a.m. at Ritter Park.

Chiari malformation is an abnormality in the lower part of the brain and is often congenital. Syringomyelia is a chronic spinal cord disorder in which fluid enters the interior of the spinal cord, causing damage. It is often related to Chiari malformation.

"We hope this event will help raise awareness about these conditions," said Angela Holley, who is one of the organizers of the event. "Everyone is invited to participate, and we will host various other activities in order to make it fun for the whole family."

Early registration for the event is available for \$20 and will continue until Thursday, Sept. 25. After that date, registration will cost \$25. Registration is available online at [www.tristateracer.com](http://www.tristateracer.com).

Proceeds from the event will benefit the American Syringomyelia and Chiari Alliance Project, which is a foundation dedicated to research, education and support regarding these conditions. Its website is at [www.asap.org](http://www.asap.org).

The event will begin at the shelter in Ritter Park and proceed west through the park to North Blvd., then continue west on North Blvd. to W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. , north to W. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., west to W. 7<sup>th</sup> St., east on Memorial Blvd./North Blvd., and finish back at the shelter.

For further information, contact Holley at 304-638-3432 or by e-mail at [holley1@marshall.edu](mailto:holley1@marshall.edu).

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## Marshall faculty member is first physical therapist recognized as David K. Brown Geriatric Scholar in West Virginia

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Dr. Tamara Gravano of the College of Health Professions is the first physical therapist in the state to complete the requirements to be recognized as a David K. Brown Geriatric Scholar through the West Virginia Geriatric Education Center (WVGEC).

Gravano, an assistant professor and director of clinical education in the college's School of Physical Therapy, said she has worked toward the promotion and advancement of geriatric physical

therapy since 2004.

"With this scholarship, I hope to have more insight and training to help strengthen our geriatric community," Gravano said. "Being the first physical therapist to receive this honor was a surprise to me. Through this, I hope to encourage other colleagues who are interested in geriatrics to go through these courses and find out how they can also care for this growing population in our state."

Nancy Daugherty, associate director for the WVGEC, said West Virginia is currently the second most elderly state in the country, and the percentage of the state's population over 65 continues to increase. Daugherty said the David K. Brown Geriatric Scholar program seeks to strengthen the expertise in the field of geriatrics study, which will lead to improved care of our older adults.

"David K. Brown was the associate director of education at the West Virginia University Center on Aging, a professor at West Virginia University and served as a leader in geriatrics education prior to his death in 2009. This program honors his contribution to scholarship and advocacy," Daugherty said. "The WVGEC is excited to partner with Dr. Gravano because we don't have enough health care providers who specialize in geriatrics. We need more physical therapists and other health care professionals who do specialize in geriatric care because anything we can do to provide continuing education in this area would benefit our elderly community."

Dr. Penny Kroll, program director for the School of Physical Therapy, said Gravano's achievement would blaze the trail for others in her field and encourage their colleagues to pursue similar opportunities.

"Dr. Gravano's level of commitment and dedication to her field has been evident since coming to the Marshall School of Physical Therapy in 2011," Kroll said. "This is a great example of how members of the Marshall community will continue to use their knowledge and passion to better those around them. I am delighted she was chosen for this honor, which she undoubtedly deserves."

Gravano received an award of \$1,000 to use toward further training in geriatric care. She will attend the Advanced Geriatric Skills program March 26-28 at Lakeview Conference Center in Morgantown where she will present her research on balance and falls.



For more information on Gravano and the School of Physical Therapy, visit [www.marshall.edu/cohp](http://www.marshall.edu/cohp).

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*Photo:* Nancy Daugherty (*left*) of the West Virginia Geriatric Education Center presents a certificate to Dr. Tamara Gravano recognizing Gravano as the first physical therapist to receive the David K. Brown Geriatric Scholar award. Gravano has been a physical therapist with board certification in geriatrics since 2005.

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## Tickets for chance to win autographed football on sale through Oct. 1; proceeds to benefit Marshall's United Way campaign

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Ticket sales began Monday in the Memorial Student Center lobby for an autographed football signed by Head Football Coach Doc Holliday and Heisman Trophy hopeful Rakeem Cato.

Will Holland, director of resource development for United Way of the River Cities, said this signed football is just one aspect of the fundraising efforts put forth by Marshall.

“The United Way campaign on Marshall’s Huntington campus kicks off on Sept. 22, but we wanted to give the Marshall community an opportunity to support us sooner by offering this giveaway a week early,” Holland said. “The university doesn’t have a monetary goal this year, but rather, a goal of increased participation.”

Last year, 52 Marshall University employees contributed to the campaign. Holland said this year they are hoping to increase that number by 200 percent.

“We hope by offering special promotions such as the chance to win this autographed football that more members of the Marshall community will find it easier to contribute this year,” Holland said. “We are very appreciative of the Marshall Athletics Department for donating this football to help us raise money for our fall campaign.”

Tickets for the autographed football will be \$3 each or two tickets for \$5 and can be purchased from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily in the Memorial Student Center lobby through Oct. 1. Marshall will hold United Way Day on Oct. 1 with free health screenings for the community. The winning ticket for the autographed football will be drawn during this event. The United Way campaign kicks off on the Huntington campus Sept. 22 and will conclude on Oct. 3.

For more information on how you can purchase your ticket, contact Megan Archer, MU campaign coordinator, at [archer15@marshall.edu](mailto:archer15@marshall.edu). For more information on this year's United Way of the River Cities campaign, visit [www.unitedwayrivercities.org](http://www.unitedwayrivercities.org).

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Photo: The autographed football signed by Rakeem Cato and Doc Holliday was donated by the Marshall University Department of Athletics.

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## Tickets on sale for gala to celebrate state's coal mining community

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Miners, community members and others connected with the state's coal mining industry will gather at Tamarack in Beckley on Thursday, Oct. 2, for the 2014 Miners' Celebration—a gala reception and dinner to celebrate the past, present and future of West Virginia's coal mining enterprise. Tickets for the event are now on sale.

According to organizers, the purpose of the annual event is to recognize those who play a role in the success of the state's mining enterprise.

“Every person who works in the industry—whether they are a safety engineer, miner, environmental professional or equipment supplier—contributes to each ton of coal produced, as do countless community leaders, educators and mining families,” said Dr. Tony Szwilski, chairman of the event planning committee and director of Marshall's Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences.

“What's really special about this event is that our planning committee is made up of people and organizations from across the spectrum—from industry, education, business, labor and our local communities. Everyone comes together to honor and recognize the contributions of everyone involved and to spotlight the region's long history in mining.”

At the event, Hinton native Sylvia Mathews Burwell, U.S. Secretary of Health & Human Services, will be honored with a special Spirit of the Coalfields award and “Rocket Boys” author Homer Hickam will present the Homer Hickam Collier Award to a working coal miner, Delbert Weaver of Philippi, who epitomizes the spirit, dedication and skills of the mining profession.

Conference organizers also will present “Because of You” awards for significant contributions to West Virginia's coalfields heritage in a number of categories, including Community Involvement

(Coal River East Business Unit of Alpha Natural Resources), Women in Mining (Tanya James of the United Mine Workers of America), Safety Professional (Pinnacle Mining Company Blue Mine Rescue Team), Educator of the Year (Joanne Jaeger Tomblin of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College) and Champion for Coal (Roger Horton of Citizens for Coal).

The Coal Heritage Highway Authority/National Coal Heritage Area will present the Coal Heritage Award for Excellence in the Arts (West Virginia Dance Company for *Fire in the Hole: A Coal History*), the Coal Heritage Award for Interpretation (Layland Miners' Memorial Group) and the Coal Heritage Award for Research and Documentation (Author Jay Chatman of McDowell County).

The evening's entertainment will be provided by Kayla Slone and the Coal Fired Band. Slone, who lives in Lenore, was discovered while working the checkout at Walmart and got her break when a customer posted a video online of her singing to customers. That clip soon went viral, garnering hundreds of thousands of views worldwide and propelling her into the national spotlight. She has since appeared on the Grand Ole Opry and performed onstage with Loretta Lynn.

The gala will begin at 5 p.m. with a free reception in the Tamarack atrium. Dinner and the awards ceremony, which require a ticket, will begin at 6 p.m. in the ballroom. Tickets for the dinner and awards ceremony are \$50/person. To purchase tickets, call ext.6-4029 or e-mail [spradlin13@marshall.edu](mailto:spradlin13@marshall.edu).

For more information about the Miners' Celebration, visit [www.marshall.edu/cegas/events/mcc](http://www.marshall.edu/cegas/events/mcc).

The Miners' Celebration is a cooperative project of the Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences at Marshall; the National Coal Heritage Area; Strategic Solutions LLC; the United Mine Workers of America; the West Virginia Coal Association; and the West Virginia Division of Energy, Office of Coalfield Community Development.

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*Photo:* Kayla Slone and the Coal Fired Band will entertain at the 2014 Miners' Celebration in Beckley Thursday, Oct. 2.

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## Faculty Achievement: Woods publishes book on emotional conflict in the Civil War

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Dr. Michael Woods, assistant professor of history, has recently published *Emotional and Sectional Conflict in the Antebellum United States* with Cambridge University Press. Focusing

on the period from 1830 to 1861, the book explores how specific emotions influenced Americans' political behavior prior to the Civil War. Northerners and southerners alike experienced intense indignation, grief, jealousy, among other emotions, and these in turn affected their political decision-making there-by making secession and war increasingly likely.

“Recently, historians have begun to consider emotions as serious topics for study,” Woods said. “My book uses this approach to help explain why and how the Civil War erupted in 1861.”

Woods began work on *Emotional and Sectional Conflict* while completing his Ph.D. at the University of South Carolina. His research took him to more than a dozen archives, from New Hampshire to Alabama. Using letters, diaries, newspaper editorials and speeches, Woods identifies specific emotions that were frequently provoked by sectional political conflict and explains how Americans responded to those feelings. Ultimately, emotions encouraged antebellum Americans to think of themselves as “northerners” and “southerners” and to conclude that their interests and ideals were worth defending to the death. According to one reviewer, the book’s “brilliant exploration of this subject has profound implications for how we understand Civil War America.”

To learn more about *Emotional and Sectional Conflict*, visit <http://www.cambridge.org/us/academic/subjects/history/early-republic-and-antebellum-history/emotional-and-sectional-conflict-in-antebellum-united-states>.

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## Marshall Recreation Center unveils mobile application

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The Recreation Center has released a mobile application for iPhone and Android users to stay connected with all aspects of campus recreation.

The app features schedules for classes, games and events happening at the Recreation Center. Users can add events to their calendars, set reminders and invite friends through social media sharing capabilities. Members can also book a personal trainer session, register for a fitness class and stream equipment orientation videos directly from the app.

Recreation Center officials say they hope the app will make it easier for users to stay updated with “Rec Alerts” – a feature that sends push notifications about important announcements.

“With Rec Alerts we can keep our members updated on any changes in our facility hours, such as early closings during football games, and announce any events coming up at the Recreation Center,” said Michele Muth, assistant director of marketing and memberships.

The Recreation Center's annual Fitness Challenge will also be featured on the app, giving users the opportunity to view and update logs easily from their mobile devices.

The app can be downloaded free from the Apple App Store and Google Play by searching Marshall Campus Recreation. For more information on the Recreation Center, visit <http://www.marshallcampusrec.com/>.

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## Dining Services offers discount at Towers Thursday

### THANK YOU MARSHALL FACULTY AND STAFF

On Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup> Marshall Dining Services is offering a **50%** faculty/staff discount for lunch only at Towers Marketplace when you sign up for our new **CINCH** discount meal program.

On Thursday, Sept. 18, Marshall Dining Services is offering a **50%** faculty/staff discount for lunch only at Towers Marketplace, when the faculty or staff member signs up for the new CINCH discount meal program.

Here's how CINCH works. Every time you purchase a meal at Towers Marketplace, just present your CINCH membership card, which you will receive on the 18th, to be punched by the cashier. For every three meals you purchase, you'll qualify for a fourth meal **ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!** Once you fill up your punch card you'll receive a CINCH discount key chain, giving you 20% off your meal price at Towers Marketplace from that point on.

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## Homecoming Parade set for Oct. 11

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The Student Government Association is organizing the annual Homecoming Parade, which will take place Saturday, Oct. 11.

The exact time of the parade is yet to be determined. It will be based on the time that will be set for kickoff of the homecoming football game with Middle Tennessee State.

The theme of homecoming this year will be “Marco’s Favorite Heroes and Toughest Villains.”

The Student Government is encouraging any organizations or local businesses who want to have a float in the parade this year to contact SGA Chief of Staff Caitlin Grimes by e-mail at [Grimes26@live.marshall.edu](mailto:Grimes26@live.marshall.edu) or by phone at ext.6-2289.

Any businesses or organizations who are interested in learning more about the Homecoming Parade can also visit the SGA’s website at <http://www.marshall.edu/sga2011/homecoming-2014>.

For further information, contact the MU Student Government Association, room 2W29B in the Memorial Student Center, or at ext.6-5260.

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