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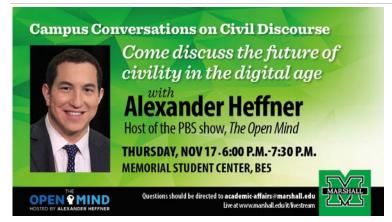


The Newsletter for Marshall University

November 16, 2016

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Marshall promotes civil discourse through Campus Conversations event Nov. 17



Marshall will host its final Campus Conversations session to discuss civility in the digital age with guest speaker Alexander Heffner, the host of the PBS show The Open Mind. The session will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 17, in the Memorial Student Center's room BE5.

Patricia Proctor, director of the Simon Perry Center for

Constitutional Democracy and an organizer of the event, said having Heffner on campus to help explore the topic of civil discourse in the digital age will provide an outside perspective from someone whose entire career is focused on promoting civil discourse in a meaningful way.

"Our current election season has demonstrated that by and large, as a society, we have a real problem with this (civil discourse). We don't understand each other well and, as a society, we are more divided than ever. This problem may be exacerbated by technology, which has replaced various settings in which people once would converse in person and possibly build relationships with others with whom they differed," Proctor said. "These are extremely relevant topics: how do we engage with each other, and even disagree with each other, while seeking to truly hear and understand each other's perspectives, and how do we do this in a civil and respectful way?"

The event will be livestreamed at www.marshall.edu/it/livestream. The 2016 Campus Conversations have been sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Faculty Senate, Student Government Association and the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy. Contact academic-affairs@marshall.edu or 304-696-6840 for more information.

'A Christmas Carol' begins tonight, runs through Saturday evening



The School of Theatre begins performances tonight, Wednesday, Nov. 16, of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, which was adapted for the stage by by Romulus Linney.

Now in the second year of this magnificent holiday tradition, the show continues through Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. nightly in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

The production is directed by School of Theatre associate

professor Nicole Perrone and stars School of Theatre professor Jack Cirillo as Scrooge.

An adaptation of the story of Ebenezer Scrooge's journey from an embittered, ungenerous creature into a giving, caring human being at the hands of three spirits, who, one Christmas Eve, show him what life means. This richly textured play brings the full spirit of the book, as well as those of Christmases Past, Present and Yet To Come, to life on the stage.

Tickets are \$20 for the general public, \$15 for Marshall University faculty and staff and \$7 for children 12 and under. Marshall University students are admitted with a valid ID.

To purchase tickets, contact Marshall's box office on the Huntington campus Monday through Friday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. or call 304-696-ARTS (2787).

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Marshall unveils lounge for veteran students



Marshall's Huntington campus now has a dedicated study and common space for student veterans. The Enterprise Holdings Foundation Military and Veterans Affairs Lounge, which was unveiled on Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11, features hardwood floors, seating, TVs, a kitchen, conference room and computer lab with free printing.

Kim White, a U.S. Navy veteran, award-winning social worker at Marshall and keynote speaker at the university's Veterans Day celebration, said work began on the lounge after Enterprise approached the university with a proposition to help veterans.

Raymond Washington, Enterprise area rental manager, said the company's founder, Jack Taylor, flew fighter jets in WWII on the U.S.S. Enterprise and applied the military values to his business.

"Giving back to the community is something that's very important to our company," Washington said. "This was a home run for us, the opportunity to give back to the university and to the veteran population at Marshall University."

White, former interim director of Military and Veterans Affairs at Marshall, said the space serves as a means to show service men and women that they are valued members of the university community.

"You are sons and daughters of Marshall. You are part of this family," White said. "We acknowledge the many contributions you make to the classroom, to the campus and in our community."

"I want to express to you that you have earned the right to be thanked today by the American people, and more specifically by this university," Marshall President Jerome Gilbert said. "We are grateful for your service to our country and our people."

Gilbert said \$100,000 in donations to Marshall and the lounge earned Enterprise Holdings Foundation a place as a member in the President's Circle.

For more information about Military and Veterans Affairs at Marshall, visit www.marshall.edu/military.

Photo: Marshall University and Enterprise Holdings Foundation representatives cut a ribbon on Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11, 2016, to celebrate the opening of the campus' Military and Veterans Affairs Lounge. From left: Ryan Cameron Lee White, National Guard; Matthew Jarvis, Marshall University student body president; Enterprise's Jim Withers, director; and Raymond Washington, area rental manager; Kim White, a U.S. Navy veteran and award-winning social worker teaching at Marshall; Dr. Jerome Gilbert, Marshall president; and Matthew Floyd, National Guard.

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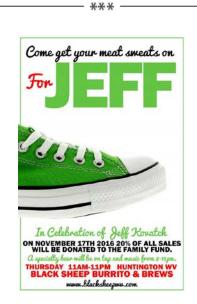
Staff Council establishes Employee/Dependent Endowed Scholarship

A Marshall University (MU) Employee or Dependent Endowed Scholarship fund has been established by the Classified Staff Council for the purpose of awarding money to MU staff, faculty and employee dependents who are enrolled at Marshall and meet the scholarship eligibility requirements. This scholarship is intended to help offset tuition costs that are not covered by the Classified Staff Council tuition benefit, the Employee Dependent Undergraduate Tuition Assistance program or other scholarships.

This fund will become endowed once a minimum of \$15,000 is received.

Contributions to this scholarship may be made by completing the Payroll Deduction Form as part of the Marshall University Foundation's Family Campaign.

More information on the scholarship fund, including details on eligibility, is available on the Academic Affairs website at https://www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs/mu-employee-scholarship.



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United Way drive heads for strong finish



United Way of the River Cities Marshall's United Way campaign for 2016 is heading for the finish line, and organizers are confident the finish will be strong.

Your United Way pledge is for one year only and automatically ends on Dec. 31 each year. Employees must complete new pledge documentation every year to continue their United Way deduction.

If you wish to pledge or renew your support today, you may do so by printing and filling out this pledge form and sending via departmental mail to Tolliver in Prichard Hall 135. Marshall University employees may also pledge online by visiting https://rivercities.unitedwayepledge.org/ and using the login *marshall* and the password *united*.

Marshall employees have the option of payroll deduction; however, if you are employed by Marshall Health, MURC, INTO, the Campus Recreation Center, Marshall Foundation Hall or other units, you may choose to donate by a one-time credit card contribution, cash or check. You also may choose to be billed.

"It doesn't take much – \$2.00 per paycheck can change a life," President Gilbert said. "I invite all of the sons and daughters of Marshall to join me in making a difference."

To learn more about the 2016 United Way workplace campaign, please visit www.marshall.edu/unitedway or contact our committee chair, Leah Tolliver, at tolliver@marshall.edu.



Marshall community asked to take part in #GivingTuesday Nov. 29 to start the Family Campaign



Marshall University Foundation officials are inviting the university community to take part in #GivingTuesday Nov. 29 to support student scholarships and other work in support of the university.

"As members of the Marshall family, we can make a difference in the lives of some of the younger family members by giving an online gift," said President Gilbert. "It's important that the university community set an example in giving back to Marshall."

#GivingTuesday, a purely social media-based campaign that began in 2012, is dedicated to philanthropy and community voluntarism. It follows Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday.

This year, the foundation's "Moving Mountains" campaign will be among the featured projects of #GivingTuesday. This is the effort benefiting the student disaster relief fund at the foundation. It is designed to support students who are in dire need of tuition assistance, particularly those who have been affected by the past summer's flooding. Easing a financial burden for our students is crucial in this time of rebuilding after the floods, and the foundation has set a goal of \$20,000.

Every gift made Nov. 29 will be designated to the disaster relief fund, unless otherwise specified by the donor. When that day comes, gifts can be made by visiting www.marshall.edu/givingtuesday or by sending a check to The Marshall University Foundation, Inc., 519 John Marshall Dr., Huntington, West Virginia 25703 with "Giving Tuesday" in the memo.



#GivingTuesday kicks off the foundation's Family Campaign, which is for Marshall faculty and staff and allows for payroll deduction or one-time gifts to support Marshall University. The campaign will run from Nov. 29 until Jan. 31. To make your gift, download the form here

http://www.marshall.edu/foundation/FY17payrolldeductionform.pdf.

As a special thank you to those with existing payroll deductions,

they will receive a limited edition John Marshall statue bobblehead. In addition, anyone who initiates a new payroll deduction or makes a one-time gift of \$100 or more will receive a bobblehead when they ship in January.

Autism Training Center at Marshall to expand to Concord University

The West Virginia Autism Training Center located on Marshall's Huntington campus has partnered with Concord University to develop on-campus support in Athens, West Virginia, for students who are diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

Through its partnership with the WV ATC, Concord joins a national movement to develop specialized, on-campus programs to support this student population in higher education.

"In 2002, the WV ATC and Marshall University developed the nation's first support program for college students diagnosed with ASD," said Dr. Marc Ellison, executive director of WV ATC. "Since, the center has supported hundreds of students in reaching their goals of graduation, and coached dozens of universities and colleges nationwide in their efforts to develop similar programs."

Dr. Kendra Boggess, president of Concord University, said the university community is excited about the opportunities the newly established partnership brings to southern West Virginia students, their families and the members of the communities Concord serves.

"In recent years, we have worked with more students who self-identify as being on the autism spectrum and we want to be able to serve them ably," Boggess said. "In this new partnership, Concord's work with Marshall will help us to further develop the supportive environment, teaching skills and understanding necessary to help students to become successful in their goals of a college education."

For more information about this program, including fees and the application process, contact Jackie Clark at 304-696-2332 or visit www.marshall.edu/atc.

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School of Medicine faculty member tapped for keynote at international conference



Mohammed I. Ranavaya, M.D., professor in the department of family and community health and section chief for occupational medicine, is one of five keynote speakers at the International Forum on Disability Management (IFDM) scheduled for November 22-24 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

He is the only keynote speaker from the United States.

Ranavaya's presentation, "Empowering Ability in Disability," will focus on empowering individuals to successfully manage

their disabilities on many different levels including legislative, educational, social and medical.

"I'm excited to participate in this forum, which is the only global conference dedicated solely to disability management," Ranavaya said. "Those attending represent health, safety and workers compensation groups and I'm happy to represent Marshall University at this international level."

Ranavaya, who has practiced medicine for 37 years, has been with Marshall University since 2000. In addition to being a medical doctor, Ranavaya has a law degree.

Marshall accepts donation challenge for Harmony House



Harmony House will host a #GivingTuesday celebration from 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, to officially kick off its donation challenge with the Bartlett House homeless shelter in Morgantown. Whichever organization

raises the most money between Nov. 29 and Dec. 2 gets to deliver shirts from their respective university for the other to wear.

Donors are encouraged to bring their contributions to Harmony House between 2 and 3 p.m. Nov. 29, to and join in the celebration with Marshall University mascot Marco and President Jerome Gilbert. Huntington Mayor Steve Williams and MU Alumni Association Director Matt Hayes also will be on hand to meet clients and thank donors.

Woodmen of the World will be providing a hot dog lunch for clients and guests.

"We just saw this as a great opportunity that allows both organizations to engage with their donors and communities and to bring out that competitive spirit we often see between our two great universities and cities," said Harmony House Director of Development Bill Rosenberger. "All of us here want to win and see their staff wearing Marshall gear, but really, all of us here at Harmony House and all those at Bartlett House agree the real winners are the people in both of our communities experiencing homelessness who will benefit from these two charitable communities and fan bases."

For more information, contact Rosenberger at 304-523-2764, ext. 102.



School of Pharmacy research team identifies possible new compound in fight against superbugs

Jordan G. Sheppard, a third-year School of Pharmacy student, along with school of pharmacy assistant professor Timothy E. Long, Ph.D., recently published research findings in the journal,

Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters, from an initial study showing promise for a new tool in the fight against multidrug-resistant superbugs.

Among the most dangerous superbugs are those that the Centers for Disease Control has identified as ESKAPE bacteria that cause infections like methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, commonly known as MRSA.

"Our research shows that certain manipulation of a widely-available, broad-spectrum antibiotic is effective against MRSA and other Gram-positive organisms," Long said. "This finding is important because it identifies an already FDA-approved antibacterial that can be utilized in a different form to tackle one of the world's most pressing medical issues."

Long says this proof of concept study is foundational to future investigations looking at other existing drugs that could be revised to attack superbugs.

The work was conducted last summer by Long and Sheppard through the Marshall University School of Pharmacy's Faculty Research Support Program.

"Antibiotic resistance is one of the most urgent issues in the medical field, and this research has given us a chance to develop new ideas for combating it," Sheppard said. "Marshall University's School of Pharmacy has many professors who are eager to work with students on their research projects that cover a wide variety of topics, both scientifically and clinically."

According to the Pew Charitable Trusts, the last new major class of antibiotics was invented in 1984. Researchers like Sheppard and Long are hopeful that variations of those older antibiotics will be the answer to the superbug crisis.

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Forensic Science faculty member to sit on College of American Pathologists committees



Marshall University Forensic Science program assistant professor Kelly Beatty has been named to two College of American Pathologists (CAP) committees.

The committees are the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) Relationship Stands Committee and the College of American Pathologists Histocompatibility/Identity Testing Committee. "I am honored to be participating with organizations committed to enhancing quality in forensic science," Beatty said.

The AABB Relationship Stands Committee edits and writes the AABB relationship standards, which are used for the assessment of labs seeking AABB Accreditation for relationship testing. The members of the College of American Pathologists Histocompatibility/Identity Testing Committee contribute to the development, maintenance and enhancement of proficiency testing programs and continuing education in the field of forensic science.

Beatty has been a DNA analyst at the Marshall University Forensic Science Center for 16 years and just recently became an assistant professor in the forensic science program. She has conducted continuing education trainings, locally and nationally, since 2010 and is considered an expert witness with testimony in four states.

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To learn more about the Forensic Science program, visit www.marshall.edu/forensics.



Reminders from Sodexo

Towers Marketplace: Looking for a place for lunch that's close? Head over to Towers Marketplace Dining Hall and enjoy our All-You-Care-To-Eat Lunch Buffet for only \$8.75. Lunch starts at 10:30 am. Go to www.marshalldining.com to view our menus.

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Caudill, Nieuwenhuizen join Marshall psychiatry faculty

The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Marshall Health recently welcomed two new specialists to its department of psychiatry and behavioral medicine.

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"The addition of two new faculty members to our department will help meet a tremendous need amidst the continued growth of our psychiatry residency program and an increase in patient visits," said Suzanne Holroyd, M.D., chair of the department of psychiatry and behavioral medicine. "Drs. Caudill and Nieuwenhuizen bring an amount of expertise and training needed to help treat our patient population." Allissa Caudill, Psy.D., a licensed child and adolescent psychologist, has been appointed an assistant professor of psychiatry. Caudill's areas of interests include grief and trauma therapy, treatment of self-injury, working with juvenile delinquent populations, psychological/intellectual assessment, behavior disorders and treating underserved populations.

Caudill earned her Doctor of Psychology from Marshall University and completed an American Psychological Association-accredited internship with Terry Children's Psychiatric Center in New Castle, Delaware. Caudill most recently practiced at Pathways Inc. in Ashland, Kentucky. She has also worked as a psychologist for the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice and as treatment director for Morehead Youth Development Center.

Marelise Nieuwenhuizen, M.D., a board-certified psychiatrist, has also joined the department as an assistant professor of psychiatry. Nieuwenhuizen's areas of interests include acute and chronic patient care, addiction treatment, electroconvulsive therapy, psychotherapy and treatment of personality disorders.

Nieuwenhuizen earned her medical degree from the University of Stellenbosch in Stellenbosch, South Africa, where she also completed a Bachelor of Science Honors Degree in medical biochemistry. She completed her psychiatry residency with the West Virginia University School of Medicine-Charleston Division.

Caudill and Nieuwenhuizen are accepting new patients and referrals at Marshall Psychiatry, an outpatient department of Cabell Huntington Hospital, located at 1115 20th St., Suite 205, in the 20th Street Professional Building. For appointments, please call 304-691-1500.



Medical and pharmacy schools partner to raise awareness of men's health issues

Students with Marshall's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and the School of Pharmacy are working together to bring awareness to men's health issues as part of the international "Movember" movement.

The campaign is an extension of a successful effort undertaken last year by a student group, Men's Health Organization (MHO), at the school of medicine. According to group leaders, the 2015 outreach garnered more than \$1,000 during the campaign.

J. Wes Urian, a second-year medical student and representative on the Interprofessional Health Senate at Marshall, said the competition's goal is to foster interprofessional relations between the two schools while raising funds and awareness.

"At the request of the Men's Health Organization, I reached out to the school of pharmacy about a competition," Urian said. "We hope to make the competition an annual tradition between the schools as a way to form ongoing camaraderie among the health sciences programs."

Justin Powell, a third-year pharmacy student, said donations raised during the competition will be distributed to several men's health organizations and foundations like the Prostate Cancer Foundation, LiveStrong Foundation and the Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Institute.

To contribute to the school of medicine effort visit http://moteam.co/musom-mo-s.

Contributions to the school of pharmacy team may be made at http://moteam.co/musop.

MHO has scheduled several other events in November including a Men's Health Forum, which is co-sponsored by the Marshall Urology and Cabell Huntington Hospital Senior Services. The forum is set for 5:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 28, in the Harless Auditorium. The format will be lecture and discussion and will include information on prostate cancer, bladder control, erectile dysfunction and general male wellness.

Information about the event is available by contacting medical students Mohit Harsh at harsh3@marshall.edu or 304-634-4528 and/or Daniel Kahn at kahn2@marshall.edu or 304-741-3204.

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