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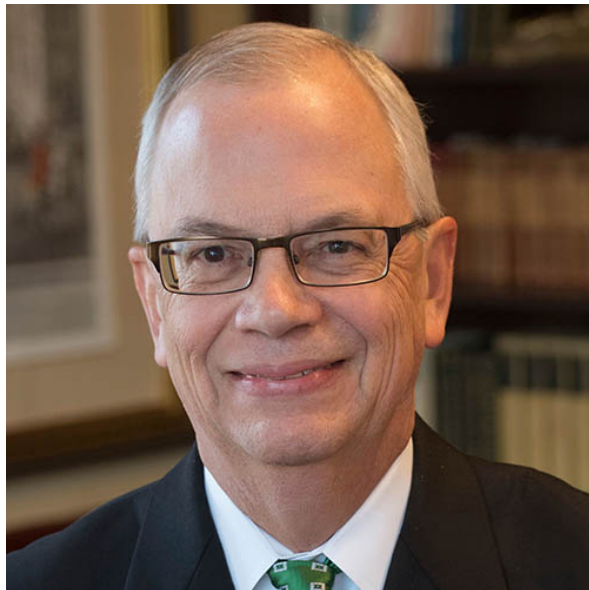
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WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

March 20, 2019

President challenges faculty/staff to participate in Family Campaign



Our Marshall Rises Family Campaign is well underway and I am happy to let you know about the results to date. Since our kick-off on February 4, we have received new or continued commitments from over 450 employees within our university community. This is a great contribution from our Marshall family; however, I would love to see more participants become active in the coming weeks so we can meet our participation goal of 100%.

I have personally participated in the campaign by establishing an endowed scholarship. I mention that only to let you know that I am committed to the family campaign. I would never expect any person

at Marshall who could not afford it to contribute to the campaign, nor would I encourage anyone to contribute who did not want to. We are trying to get wide participation so I would ask everyone so inclined to consider being a part of the Family Campaign.



Since you are a member of the #MarshallFamily, we want to invite you to join us in making a difference through our university's Family Campaign.

Learn more at www.marshall.edu/family-campaign

Community Participation
Student Participation
Faculty/Staff Participation
Marshall Rises

Many of you attended our kick-off breakfast and you had the opportunity to hear firsthand accounts of how small contributions to the university can impact students' lives for the better. If you wish to pledge your support today, I invite you to visit www.marshall.edu/family-campaign and download the appropriate pledge form for your gift.

Every member of our #MarshalluFamily has the option of making a recurring payroll deduction or one-time gift via credit card, check or cash. No payroll deduction amount or gift is too small.

Thank you for your time and your generosity.

With gratitude,

Jerry Gilbert

P.S. Please take a [look at the video](#).

School of Medicine announces 2019 Match Day results



Sixty-two medical students from the [Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine](#) found out Friday during the annual Match Day event where they will train for the next three to seven years.

Coordinated by the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP), the main residency match process uses a complicated algorithm that pairs the preferences

of applicants with the preferences of residency programs, resulting in a best result for graduating students. Marshall students, along with medical students from around the world, all opened their match letters at the same date and time.

“Match Day is a pinnacle moment in the life of a medical student,” said Bobby Miller, M.D., vice dean of medical education at the Marshall School of Medicine. “All their hard work has led to this moment as they learn where they will receive the training that will shape the course of their medical careers.”

More than 53 percent matched into primary care residencies, which are identified in West Virginia as family medicine, internal medicine, internal medicine/pediatrics, pediatrics and obstetrics/gynecology. Other students were accepted into anesthesiology, dermatology, emergency medicine, general surgery, neurology, orthopaedic surgery, psychiatry and radiology programs. One student also matched in the military match that occurred in late 2018.

Across the country, this is the largest match on record, according to the NRMP, with 44,600 registered applicants and more than 35,000 positions offered.

View the complete match list for the School of Medicine's Class of 2019 at <https://jcesom.marshall.edu/media/57789/2019-match.pdf>.

Musical theatre performer Kaitlyn Davis to give concert, master class at Marshall



**Solo Recital
& Master Class**
featuring Kaitlyn Davis

PERFORMANCE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 7:30 P.M. • Smith Music Hall Room 143 <small>Featuring soprano and musical theatre performer Kaitlyn Davis and pianist Mark Smith.</small>	MASTER CLASS THURSDAY, MARCH 21 12:30 P.M. Jemie Jazz Forum (Room 103) Room 143
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For more information, contact:
Alexander Lee, alee@marshall.edu

Sponsored by the College of Arts and Media and the School of Music. Funded in part by the Joan C. Edwards Distinguished Professors in the Arts Endowment with support from the College of Arts and Media, Marshall University.



The School of Music will present a concert and a master class with performer Kaitlyn Davis.

Davis is a New York-based soprano who played the part of Christine Daaé in the North American tour of "Phantom of the Opera," winning the Emerging Talent Award from the Kurt Weill Foundation's 2016 Lotte Lenya Competition.

She will present a solo recital at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, in Smith Recital Hall on Marshall's Huntington campus. Accompanied by pianist Mark Smith, Davis will sing show tunes from *My Fair Lady*, *The Most Happy Fella*, *The Bridges of Madison County*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Candide*, *Les Misérables*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Merrily We Roll Along*, *Into the Woods* and *Anastasia*. It is free and open to the public. She is offering a free master class at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 21, also at Smith Recital Hall. All are welcome to attend.

"She holds the bachelor's and master's degree in classical music," said Dr. Alexander Lee, coordinator of voice studies at Marshall. "Her vocal technique and music foundation are rooted in classic bel canto technique, and now she is performing contemporary musical theater works. She will be a good example of how to use classical music training for contemporary music, and in master class, she will share her experience of how her formal training in university helped her successful career in musical theater."

The events are funded in part by the Joan C. Edwards Distinguished Professors in the Arts Endowment with support from the College of Arts and Media, as well as the School of Music.

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THE HERD ATHLETICS

3/20 3P.M.
WEDNESDAY
SOFTBALL VS. KENTUCKY

3/20 4P.M.
WEDNESDAY
BASEBALL VS. VIRGINIA TECH

3/23 1P.M./3P.M.
SATURDAY
SOFTBALL VS. UTSA

3/24 12P.M.
SUNDAY
SOFTBALL VS. UTSA

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PTSD AWARENESS

Can you recognize the signs?

GUEST SPEAKER: AARON RAYBURN, Director, Huntington Vet Center
Learn about signs of PTSD in veterans and services available

Thursday, March 21st
3-4 p.m. • MSC, 2W22

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School of Medicine names new chair of ophthalmology department



Following a national search, the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has selected James W. Gigantelli, M.D., as professor and chair of its Department of Ophthalmology.

Gigantelli comes to Marshall from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. While at Nebraska, he served as professor, assistant dean of governmental affairs and interim chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, as well as director of the Stanley M. Truhlsen Eye Institute. Throughout his 28-year professional

career, Gigantelli has authored more than 50 publications and research abstracts in clinical care and lectured widely on topics ranging from ocular adnexal disease to medical leadership. He has been acknowledged with local and national awards for excellence in clinical care and teaching. His clinical practice focuses on improved diagnostic accuracy of orbital tumors and innovative therapies for orbital inflammatory diseases. Since 2007, he has been regularly listed as a member of Best Doctors and Castle Connolly's Top Doctors in America®.

"Dr. Gigantelli is an exceptional ophthalmologist," said Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. "He brings amazing leadership skills to the department of ophthalmology, and we are thrilled to have him at Marshall."

As chair, Gigantelli will be responsible for the administrative functions of the clinical, academic and research operations of the department. His goals include developing a graduate medical education program in ophthalmology; expanding the department in southern West Virginia, eastern Kentucky and southern Ohio through the addition of comprehensive and sub-specialty clinical providers and academic researchers to the department's faculty base. The Department of Ophthalmology currently includes five ophthalmologists and operates two locations in Charleston and Huntington.

"I am excited for the privilege to join Marshall University and serve the people and communities of central Appalachia," Gigantelli said. "Marshall University and Marshall Health are well-positioned and possess the infrastructure and resources required to transform the scope of ophthalmology and vision sciences in West Virginia and the surrounding region. I look forward to joining an already outstanding faculty and leading the efforts to build partnerships that develop strong programs in clinical care, research and education."

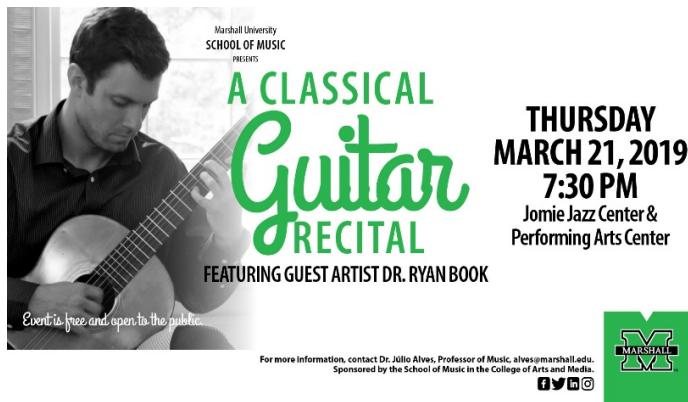
Gigantelli earned his medical degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, before completing his residency in ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, and fellowship training in Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Orbital Disease and Ophthalmic Oncology at the Duke University Eye Center in Durham, North Carolina.

Gigantelli is a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, and the American College of Surgeons, which he currently serves on its Board of Regents and Health Policy Advisory Group, and chairs its Legislative Committee. He is a past recipient of the AAO Honors, Senior Honors and Distinguished Service awards.

Gigantelli and his wife, Lori, have four children.

He becomes only the third chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at Marshall, replacing R. Mark Hatfield, O.D., M.D., who is retiring from the school after five years as administrative chair.

Guitarist Ryan Book to perform at Marshall



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**A CLASSICAL
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RECITAL**


**THURSDAY
MARCH 21, 2019
7:30 PM**
Jomie Jazz Center &
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FEATURING GUEST ARTIST DR. RYAN BOOK

Events free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Júlio Alves, Professor of Music, alves@marshall.edu.
Sponsored by the School of Music in the College of Arts and Media.

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The School of Music will present a guitar recital with guest artist Dr. Ryan Book at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at the Jomie Jazz Center on Marshall's Huntington campus. The recital is free and open to all.

Book's talent in music is celebrated for tone, lyricism and his thoughtful musical interpretations. A sought-after performer, teacher and

collaborator, he turned to classical guitar after some years performing in blues, rock and country bands. He earned his Master of Arts degree in guitar performance and pedagogy from Radford University and his Doctor of Musical Arts from the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music.

Book teaches music and chairs the music department at Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst, North Carolina. He organized the annual SCC Guitar Performing Artist series at the college, bringing in world-renowned guitarists to work with students and perform for the community.

Marshall Rec Center March membership promotion underway



The Marshall Rec Center is offering a March membership promotion in conjunction with St. Patrick's Day. The "ShamRec'd" promotion will be valid from through March 21 to purchase the membership. This deal is for current/existing members or new members.

Members taking advantage of this promotion will receive 20% off with an annual membership purchase and their membership will remain active through July 7, 2020. The membership promotion will allow all members to receive over three months for free. The offer is valid only when purchasing an annual membership. The promotion can be used on an individual membership as well as a family membership. Certain membership types are excluded: Marshall Health Fitness, PEIA and SilverSneakers.

The offer valid for existing and new memberships, but only on annual memberships. For questions please contact the Rec Center's assistant director of marketing and membership, Kayla Dodd, by e-mail at dodd18@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-696-3633.

For more information on the Marshall University Recreation Center, visit www.marshall.edu/campusrec.

School of Medicine names Rahman Barry, M.D., March Resident of the Month



Rahman Barry, M.D., has been named [Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine's](#) Resident of the Month for March, announced Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education at the school.

Barry is completing his fifth and final year of the surgery residency at Marshall. He was nominated by multiple nursing, residents and attendings for his teaching ability, clinical skills and bedside manner, even in stressful clinical situations.

“Surgery residents in general are hard workers,” Wehner said. “What set aside Dr. Barry’s nomination from others’ is his ability to maintain a positive and caring approach with staff and patients while serving as an exceptional teaching role model. Despite his chaotic schedule, Dr. Barry has also proven himself as an accomplished researcher with more than a dozen national presentations, 14 published articles, one book chapter and two research grants. This is an amazing feat for a busy surgeon!”

Barry was selected by his peers to serve as Education Chief Resident for his program. As such, he reorganized the surgery residency curriculum and helped his fellow residents identify weak areas in their knowledge base to devise individual study plans in preparation for the Surgery in-service examination.

Former Surgery Program Director Farid Mozaffari, M.D., FACS praised Barry as being one of the “best surgery residents he has ever worked with. He is very professional, courteous, motivated, enthusiastic and compassionate.”

“It is an honor to have Dr. Barry selected as Resident of the Month,” said David A. Denning, M.D., chair and the department of surgery and current residency director. “He is professional in his dealings with patients and their families and tries to enrich the lives and well-being of others. He is a great teacher to our clerkship medical students and our junior residents. Dr. Barry approaches difficult situations with integrity and calm, which helps him handle critical situations with poise. He is not only very bright but works hard for his team and his patients.”

The Kingston, Jamaica, native graduated with Bachelor of Medical Sciences and Doctor of Medicine degrees from the University of the West Indies. He completed a preliminary year in General Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, prior to coming to Marshall. After completing his surgery residency in June, Barry will head to Vanderbilt University to complete an extremely competitive three-year Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship.

As part of his recognition as the March Resident of the Month, Barry received a plaque and designated parking spot.

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Photo: Rahman Barry, M.D., (right) March Resident of the Month at Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, is pictured with department of surgery chairman David A. Denning, M.D.



Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour coming to Huntington April 2



Student Activities will present the Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour as it returns to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center Monday, April 2, at 7 p.m..

Banff Centre Mountain Film and Book Festival is the largest, and one of the most prestigious,

mountain festivals in the world. Hot on the heels of the festival held every fall in Banff, Canada, the festival hits the road, with stops planned in about 550 communities and more than 40 countries across the globe. This year's tour features a collection of the most inspiring action, environmental and adventure films from the festival.

Traveling to exotic landscapes and remote cultures, and bringing audiences up-close and personal with adrenaline-packed action sports, the 2018/2019 World Tour is an exhilarating and provocative exploration of the mountain world.

From approximately 400 films entered, award-winning films and audience favorites are among the films chosen to travel with the festival.

Host organizations in each tour location help to choose a program that reflects the interests of their communities, creating a unique celebration of adventure and adventurers at each stop. The World Tour is expected to reach over 500,000 audience members.

Tickets for Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour are \$10. Contact the Marshall Artists Series box office by phone at 304-696-6656 or order tickets online at Ticketmaster.com. You may also visit the box office, which is located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse on the Huntington campus. Box office hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

The event is also sponsored by the Marshall University Film Club, I Heart Media, WSAZ, The Herald-Dispatch, Marshall University, and the Marshall Artists Series.

MUIT Day

Wednesday, April 3

9am - 3pm

Drinko Library Atrium & Room 402

Join *MU Information Technology* to learn from professionals about different fields within IT, practice networking skills and develop pertinent career skills.

Visit www.marshall.edu/it/day for more information and registration.

For more information, please contact crystal.stewart@marshall.edu or chahryar1@marshall.edu
www.marshall.edu/it



Marshall University School of Music
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Wednesday, April 3 • 2 pm
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Ellen Rowe



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MARSHALL UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS PRESENTS

DR. LUIS OROZCO

Dr. Orozco is a Professor of Physics at the University of Maryland, a Fellow of the Joint Quantum Institute (JQI) and Co-director of the Physics Frontier Center at JQI

FROM IMAGINARY EXPERIMENTS TO QUANTUM INFORMATION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 • 7 PM

Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre

THE WEAK INTERACTION

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 • 7 PM

Memorial Student Center, Room 2E28

Reception with refreshments to follow.



For more information, contact the Department of Physics at 304-696-6738. Sponsored by the Department of Physics and the College of Science



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The Marshall University Chamber Choir and
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SATURDAY, APR. 6 | 7:00 P.M.

Johnson Memorial Methodist Church, 513 10th Street, Huntington

Free and open to the public, DONATIONS ACCEPTED.

SUNDAY, APR. 7 | 7:30 P.M.

Christ Church United Methodist, 1221 Quarrier Street, Charleston

Tickets available \$15

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For more information, contact David Castleberry, Director of Choral Activities, at castlebe@marshall.edu.



MARSHALL UNIVERSITY TWO EVENTS IN ONE!

Brand Ambassador Meeting

**Monday, April 8th
9 a.m.- Noon
Don Morris Room,
Memorial Student Center**

Learn more about current marketing strategies and the university brand.
**R.S.V.P. to Brandi Waiters at
waiters1@marshall.edu**

Licensed Product Vendor Fair

**Monday, April 8th
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Don Morris Room,
Memorial Student Center**

Find licensed vendors to help promote your department or organization.
**For more information,
contact: Mallory Jarrell at haye1@marshall.edu**

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Craft beverage summit on tap for April 8 in South Charleston

The Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) will sponsor “Craft: A Farm to Bottle Summit” April 8 in South Charleston to gather a variety of statewide business interests to support growth in the emerging craft beverage economy – from soda and teas to beer, wine and spirits.

Participants will explore ways that craft products can engage various interests in agriculture, hospitality and tourism to build markets for this growing business sector.

“This event is a must for craft brewers, farmers, retailers and others in the region who are interested in becoming a part of this rapidly growing West Virginia industry,” said Bill Woodrum, director of entrepreneurship and agricultural innovations at RCBI. “Plus, it will provide attendees the opportunities to sample some of the unique and tasty beverages already produced here.”

The Keynote speaker will be entrepreneur Todd Boera, owner of Fonta Flora Brewery in Asheville, NC, who has been instrumental in transforming the Asheville area into a popular stop along the craft brewing tourism trail. He utilizes a large percent of locally produced grains and fruits in his brewing operation.

Breakout sessions will include locally sourcing products and ingredients, legal and regulatory issues for bottlers, recent legislative changes affecting the craft beverage industry, and tips and resources for starting your own beverage company.

The event will run from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn & Suites (400 2nd Avenue SW, South Charleston) followed by a craft beverage tasting event, Pour It Forward, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Register at www.rcbi.org/go/craft.

For more information, contact Woodrum at 304.781.1670.

Now accepting nominations
for the **Marshall University**
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Do you know someone who has celebrated,
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They could win \$500!

NOMINATIONS DUE: MONDAY, APRIL 8TH

For more information:

<http://www.marshall.edu/diversity/diversity-at-marshall/mu-diversity-awards/>



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**“Songbirds, Rhinos, Penguins and Islands:
What Genes Tell Us About the Past”**

PRESENTED BY



Dr. Herman Mays

Assistant Professor in the Biological Sciences Department and recipient of the 2017-18 MU Distinguished Artists & Scholars Team Award.

**Thursday, April 11, 2019
4-5 PM | Drinko Library 402**

Light refreshments to follow.

Contact ctl@marshall.edu to learn more. Hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning.



Alumni Association to host 82nd Alumni Awards Banquet April 13

82ND Alumni Awards Banquet

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019 | MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER, DON MORRIS ROOM
Doors open at 6 pm followed by dinner at 7 pm | alumni@marshall.edu

For reservations or to nominate alumni for awards, visit www.herdalum.com or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (304) 696-3134 or alumni@marshall.edu.



Marshall University and the Marshall University Alumni Association (MUAA) will host the 82nd annual Alumni Awards Banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 13, in the Don Morris Room on Marshall's Huntington campus.

The banquet recognizes

outstanding alumni, university supporters and students during an evening of celebration and reverence for the great things being accomplished by the Marshall University alumni community. The event features awards in a number of categories, music, dinner and special presentations.

Highlighting the list of more than a dozen honorees at the 2019 awards banquet is Dr. David Allie, who has been named the recipient of the Marshall University Distinguished Alumnus award, the alumni association's highest honor. Other award recipients include Mike Kirtner, recipient of the Distinguished Service to Marshall University award; Frankie Jones, recipient of the Outstanding Community Achievement award; and Jennifer Owen, recipient of the Young Alumni award. Other awards scheduled for the evening will include MUAA Chapter of the Year, scholarship awards and honors from many of Marshall's colleges.

"Our slate of awardees this year is outstanding and we anticipate a fantastic celebration during this year's banquet," said Matt Hayes, executive director of alumni relations at Marshall University. "Year after year, our award nomination process reveals extraordinary Sons and Daughters of Marshall who are leaders in their fields and full of gratitude for the role our university played in helping turn their ambitions into reality."

Allie, a 1974 graduate of Marshall and recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus award, is the medical director and chief of cardiothoracic, vascular and endovascular surgery at the Louisiana Cardiovascular and Limb Salvage Center, which he founded in 2009. Allie received his undergraduate degree from Marshall University before earning his medical school degree from West Virginia University and, upon graduation, served in the general surgery residency program at the Charleston Area Medical Center in Charleston.

Allie has over 35 years of medical clinical practice and was an early co-founder of the Cardiovascular Institute of the South, one of the five largest cardiovascular practices in the nation. As an award-winning physician, Allie was named the Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeon of the Year in 2000 and holds a number of clinical firsts in the field. During his distinguished career he has trained more than 2000 physicians, performed hundreds of lectures and presentations on the field and written more than 250 articles, editorials and papers in educational journals.

"Sharing the successes of our awardees each year never gets old," Hayes said. "Each awardee's Marshall story offers inspiration to our university community and motivation to our amazing students. Marshall University is truly an institution on the rise."

Mike Kirtner is the recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Service to Marshall University award, given to individuals who show an unwavering commitment to the university. Kirtner is the president and CEO of Kindred Communications in downtown Huntington and is a 1973 graduate of Marshall. He has been an avid supporter of the university for decades, using his skills as a gifted orator in a number of roles throughout the years. He has hosted major Marshall University events, served as the public address announcer for Marshall University men's basketball games and halftime performances by the Marching Thunder, and been emcee for university functions including pep rally events and scholarship dinners. He was the master of ceremonies for the "We Are Marshall" movie premiere in Huntington.

Frankie Nowlin, a 1970 graduate of Marshall University, is the recipient of this year's Outstanding Community Achievement award. Nowlin, a native of Huntington, spent more than 20 years in the workforce development system, 14 years in corporate America and has served in a number of community leadership roles before retiring recently. Her many outstanding achievements include her work with the YWCA of Columbus and her time on several nonprofit and educational boards in both Huntington and Columbus, in addition to using her professional roles to help better her community. She was named in both Jet and Ebony magazines and was named Ms. April in the inaugural calendar for the Women for Economic and Leadership Development.

Finally, Jennifer Owen, a 2005 graduate of Marshall, was named this year's Young Alumni award recipient. Owen is the senior vice president for the Commercial Lending Group in Johnson City, Tennessee, and has served in a number of high-ranking leadership roles within the banking industry over the past decade. She is also heavily involved in her community, working with her local YWCA, United Way, Ronald McDonald House and other organizations in Tennessee. She was selected as a "Power Women of the Tri-Cities" and received the "Forty Under 40" award in her region, both in 2017.

Other awards being given at the event are the Cam Henderson Scholarship Award, Nancy Pelphrey/Herd Village Scholarship Award, Nate Ruffin Award, MUAA Chapter of the Year and various Awards of Distinction presented by each of Marshall University's colleges.

Tickets to the annual Alumni Awards Banquet are available online at www.HerdAlum.com or by calling 304-696-3134.

Marshall announces newest class for accelerated B.S./M.D. program

High school seniors usually don't know exactly what they want to do for the next seven years, but 10 West Virginia students have already committed to becoming doctors.

[Marshall University](#) and the [Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine](#) announced today the newest class members of its accelerated B.S./M.D. program, established in 2015 to create an accelerated pathway for high-performing West Virginia students to finish both their Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees in seven years.

The following students have been accepted into the program and will begin undergraduate classes this fall:

- Ashalia Aggarwal, Morgantown High School, Monongalia County
- Grace Cornelius, Greenbrier East High School, Greenbrier County
- Payton Fitchpatrick, Tug Valley High School, Mingo County
- Mattie Hanna, George Washington High School, Kanawha County
- Olivia Hart, Hurricane High School, Putnam County
- Sophia Oliashirazi, Huntington High School, Cabell County
- Tristan Patton, Huntington High School, Cabell County
- Marvin Simpkins, Wayne High School, Wayne County
- Kala Sizemore, Spring Mills High School, Berkeley County
- Colton Smith, Westside High School, Wyoming County

“This is an exceptional group of students from the northern panhandle, eastern panhandle and across southern West Virginia,” said Jennifer T. Plymale, associate dean of admissions for the School of Medicine. “They are student-athletes, leaders in their high schools, community volunteers and first-generation college students.”

Plymale said the program is just one of the ways Marshall University is working to keep talented, bright students in West Virginia.

“I have wanted to be a physician for as long as I can remember. I knew this would present many challenges coming from such a rural area,” incoming student Smith said. “The B.S./M.D. program will give me the ability to not only fulfill these dreams but to also give back to my small, underserved community.”

Students begin the application process their junior year of high school. The program is open to West Virginia high school students who achieve a minimum ACT composite score of 30 (or equivalent SAT) and an ACT math score of 27 (or equivalent SAT), as well as a cumulative GPA of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale. Other admission criteria include three letters of recommendation and an on-campus interview.

Students who successfully complete the undergraduate program requirements will matriculate directly into medical school. They are not required to take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT). Additionally, they will receive a tuition waiver for the medical school portion of the program.

For more information on the program, visit <https://jcesom.marshall.edu/students/accelerated-bsmd-program/>

Marshall University honor society for pharmacy students gains new members

Seventeen Marshall University School of Pharmacy students joined the Rho Chi Society last night during an induction ceremony at the home of the school's dean, Gayle Brazeau, Ph.D.

The following students, who represent the top 20% of their classes in academics, received a pin and certificate during the initiation:

Class of 2020

Mark Jennings
Corey McPherson
Michaela Meakin
Nicha Rankin

Class of 2021

Bridget Boenke
Jordan Browning
Sarah Caudill
Amber Elliott
Marenda Garlow
Kyler Hazelett
Sheshadri Hoque
Keaton Kaplan
Erika Landaverde
Alexandria Lewis
Mary Kate Miller
Pooya Rahimzade
Taylor Riedel

"I am so proud of these students who have distinguished themselves through exceptional academic achievement," Brazeau said.

Rho Chi is the academic honor society for pharmacy. Marshall's chapter, established in 2018, is named Epsilon Xi. Its faculty advisors are Kimberly Broedel-Zaugg, R.Ph., M.B.A., Ph.D., and Michael Hambuchen, Pharm.D., Ph.D.

Members may be elected as professional or graduate students in pharmacy, members of faculties of schools and colleges of pharmacy, alumni who distinguish themselves in the profession or honorary members by special action of the society's executive council.

Son honors mother through the establishment of the Elinor J. Bare ROTC Scholarship



Retired U.S. Air Force Col. William Terry Bare recently established the Elinor J. Bare ROTC Scholarship for a full-time undergraduate student entering into the Marshall University Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program.

Bare, a 1980 graduate from South Charleston, West Virginia, said this scholarship honors the memory of his mother – a woman whose son's life was changed for the better by his experience and exposure to military culture. He said the scholarship is designed to encourage enrollment in the university's ROTC

program with the goal to engender values of patriotism, loyalty and service to the nation.

“The goal of this scholarship is to assist an aspiring student to begin or further their education at Marshall University. Marshall most definitely helped me grow as a person intellectually and socially, and joining the military was the best thing I ever did for myself. It gave me discipline, focus and purpose,” Bare said. “I wish I would have joined the ROTC program while at Marshall, but now that I have seen firsthand the positive impact and opportunities it can create, I hope this scholarship will encourage others to pursue that path.”

Bare said his mother, Elinor Bare, was a beautiful example of selflessness, kindness and strength.

“She was very proud of my service in the military and how it changed my life for the better, and she would be equally proud to know this scholarship will do the same for other young men and women,” Bare said.

Commissioned in the U.S. Air Force in 1985 as a second lieutenant, William Bare served for 27 years in a variety of roles as an intelligence officer, political advisor and legislative liaison, as well as in multiple command assignments. He served in locations with U.S. and NATO forces in Korea, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Germany, Italy and Portugal. As a post-military civilian, Bare recently served as an executive director for a nonprofit organization assisting homeless veterans. He now does private consultation work while continuing his education.

When asked what advice he would give to college students today, Bare said it's as simple as losing the fear of making mistakes.

"I had a senior boss in the Air Force who told me something I never forgot. He said, 'As a leader, I'd rather restrain stallions than push mules.' In whatever organization you are working, I believe any good leader will appreciate your hard work and willingness to come up with new ideas or ways to get something accomplished. So, if you think you have a good idea—run with it! Be a stallion," Bare said.

For questions about a student's eligibility for the Elinor J. Bare ROTC Scholarship, please contact the Department of Military Science or the Office of Student Financial Aid at Marshall University.

Photo: Retired U.S. Air Force Col. William Terry Bare recently established the Elinor J. Bare ROTC Scholarship for a full-time undergraduate student entering into the Marshall University Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program.

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