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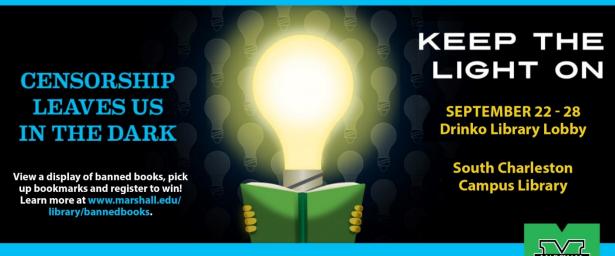


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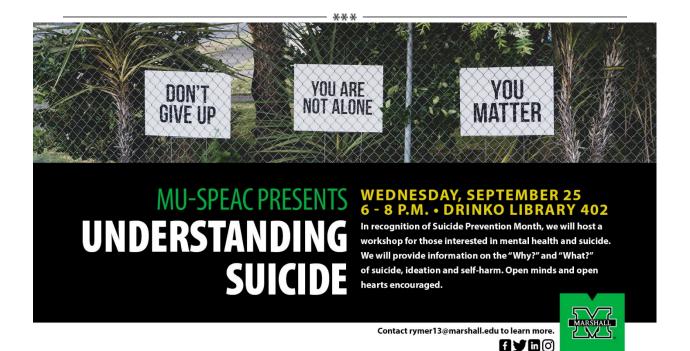
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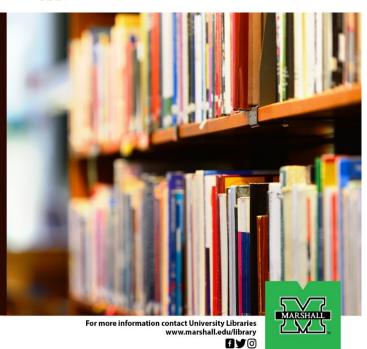


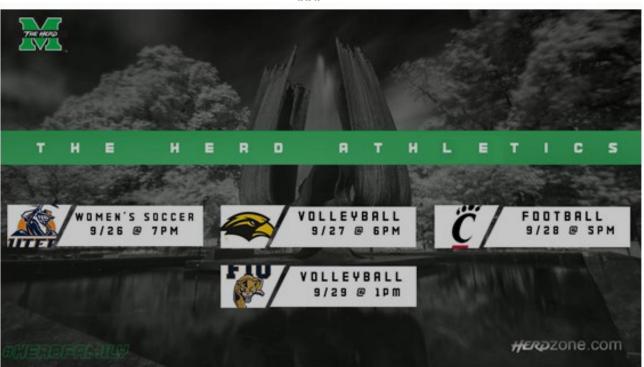






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Marshall alumni reading to support Facing Hunger Foodbank Sept. 26





The A.E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series at Marshall will host a reading to support the Facing Hunger Foodbank at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, in room 154 of Smith Hall.

It will feature readings, a Q&A session and book signing with Dr. Jordan Farmer and Rajia Hassib, and is free and open to the public.

Farmer is the author of *The Pallbearer* (Skyhorse Publishing, 2018) and the forthcoming *The Poison Flood* (G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2020). A West Virginia native, he earned his master's degree from Marshall University

and his Ph.D. at The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

In the words of Smith Henderson, author of *Fourth of July Creek*, *The Pallbearer* is a "feat of sustained tension and deep humanity. With trenchant insight into the way young men are primed to make disastrous choices, Farmer's moving debut gripped me from the first page and did not let go or disappoint. Get acquainted with Farmer's work now—you're going to be hearing about him for a long time."

Hassib was born and raised in Egypt and moved to the United States when she was 23. Her first novel, *In the Language of Miracles* (Penguin Random House, 2015), was a *New York Times* Editors' Choice and received an honorable mention from the Arab American Book Award. Her second novel, *A Pure Heart* (Penguin Random House), was released in August 2019. She holds a master's degree in Creative Writing from Marshall University. Her writing has appeared in *The New York Times Book Review, The New Yorker* online, and *Literary Hub*. She lives in Charleston with her husband and two children.

According to Laila Lalami, author of Pulitzer Prize finalist *The Moor's Account,* Hassib's *A Pure Heart* is "a captivating novel about family, love, and home. Hassib masterfully excavates the secret loyalties that drive women to make fateful choices and, in so doing, explores important themes of guilt and responsibility, shame and forgiveness."

The event is sponsored by the Department of English and the College of Liberal Arts.

A suggested donation of two or three nonperishable food items would be appreciated for admission. For more information, contact Cody Lumpkin at https://lumpkinball.edu or Wendi Kozma at kozma@marshall.edu.



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A LECTURE SERIES



Serendipitous Discovery of a "Terahertz Acoustic Phonon Phase-Conjugate Oscillator" with Potential Quantum Computing Applications

PRESENTED BY

Dr. Thomas Wilson

Professor in the Physics Department and winner of the 2018-19 MU Distinguished Artists & Scholars Award (Senior Recipient for Sciences & Technology)

Thursday, September 26, 2019 4-5 p.m. | Drinko Library 402

Light refreshments to follow.

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







Disability Mentoring Day

2:00 - 5:30 pm Friday, Sept. 27, 2019 Drinko Library 402

A national effort to promote career development for students and job-seekers with disabilities through career exploration and networking.

Keynote speaker: Dr. Jim Harris, Associate Director, West Virginia Autism Training Center

Panel Sessions: social media pitfalls, co-existing disabilities, and paths to employment







School of Art and Design to host 'Yarn Bombing' event

Together with Mountain Health Network, the School of Art and Design invites everyone interested in knitting or crocheting to help turn Pullman Pavilion pink with a community "Yarn Bombing" event. All are welcome. No experience necessary. It will take place Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., inside Huntington's Kitchen.

Breast Cancer Awareness Community Yarn Bombing

Attention All Knitters!
Crocheters!
People who never knitted or crocheted but have been meaning to learn!

Your Enthusiasm is Needed Kick Off Breast Cancer Awareness Month With a Pink Bang

Mountain Health Network and Marshall University's School of Art & Design Invite you to help turn Pullman Pavilion pink!

Saturday, September 28 10:00am - 4:00pm Inside Huntington's Kitchen Materials and Refreshments Provided

For More Information contact Jamie Platt | 304-696-4312 | plattj@marshall.edu

Marshall to present 'Music of This Century' trombonepiano recital Sept. 29





The School of Music will present "Music of This Century," a faculty recital by trombonist Dr. Michael Stroeher (left) and pianist Dr. Johan Botes at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, in Smith Recital Hall.

The pieces are all contemporary, but are also accessible and expressive, Stroeher said.

"My particular favorite is 'Ages' by Susan Mutter, which paints pictures of a

man's life at the ages of 6, 15, 34, 66 and 93," he said. "I can relate since I've been through almost all of them."

The event is free and open to the public, with sponsorship from the School of Music in the College of Arts and Media.



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SEPT. 30 4 PM

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MU Career Services and Student Resource Center now called 'Office of Career Education'

The Marshall University Career Services and Student Resource Center have rebranded into one unit now referred to as the Marshall University Office of Career Education. The Office of Career Education will continue to have two physical locations: the house located on the corner of 5th Avenue and 17th Street; and the Memorial Student Center office located on the second floor. While the student center renovation is underway, the second floor location will be closed this semester and will reopen in spring 2020. All Career Education staff will be available at the 5th Avenue location.

The Office of Career Education assists students in self-assessment of skills, interests, and career goals; exploring and declaring a major; developing pertinent experience through employment, internships, community-based learning, and campus involvement; and becoming career-ready through interviewing and resume workshops, networking, Career Expos, and the job search.

To learn more, please contact Cris McDavid, director of the Marshall University Office of Career Education, at mcdavidc@marshall.edu.

Psy.D. program reaccredited by the American Psychological Association

The Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) program at Marshall has been reaccredited, and this time has been awarded 10 years of accreditation by the American Psychological Association, the maximum amount of time that any program can be awarded.

The Psy.D. program is housed within the Department of Psychology at Marshall University and has been continually accredited by the American Psychological Association since 2006.

"I know we produce strong, competent and compassionate psychologists. The students, alumni, faculty, supervisors, and staff work hard to ensure that the program is of high quality," said Dr. Keith Beard, director of Marshall's Psy.D. program. "It is nice to have an outside accrediting body review our program and recognize it for the good work that we do and the quality of graduates we produce."

There are currently over 50 students actively enrolled in the program, which includes an emphasis on understanding the needs of rural and underserved populations. Students receive training in psychological services both on and off campus, with one of those placements being in a rural or underserved area.

Over 115 students have graduated with their doctorates in psychology from Marshall University and are currently serving mental health needs all around the world, with the largest portion of graduates continuing to serve the citizens of West Virginia.

The American Psychological Association will return in 2028 for the next accreditation review.

Grantsmanship workshops offered

The Marshall University Research Corporation has announced its schedule of professional development opportunities in grantsmanship, developed specifically for Marshall researchers, administrative staff and graduate students.

A list of the offerings, which begin Tuesday, Oct. 1, is available here. All sessions are FREE and open to the university community, and will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex, Room 4001.

Lunch is not provided; however, participants may bring their own lunches to the workshops.

Registration is strongly encouraged. Please register online here.

For more information about any of these sessions or to inquire about scheduling personalized grantsmanship workshops for your department or school, please contact Kelly Stump at 304-696-6676 or stump4@marshall.edu.

GREEN ZONE
TRAINING
October 2nd 9:30-11:30am
Drinko Library 402

GreenZone training is an opportunity for staff and faculty to receive an in depth look at the process and obstacles our veterans and veteran dependents face when entering college. The training includes resources on how to better serve our veterans and dependents on campus.

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For more information, contact Jonathan McCormick at mccormick 31@marshall.edu

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THE DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES PRESENTS

College Students in Service-Learning: The Best of Both Worlds

Presentation for MU faculty on Community-based learning

Wednesday, Oct. 2 2 p.m. • Drinko Atrium

Sustainability: A Latinos/Latinas and Latin Americans' Heritage

Wednesday, Oct. 2 4 p.m. • Drinko Atrium



For information, contact: Dr. Ida Day at dayi@marshall.edu.

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Oct. 3 - Oct. 6 @ Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center

Schedule

All foreign films will have English subtitles**

Thursday, Oct. 3

5:30 p.m. The Farewell 7:30 p.m. The Shoplifters

Saturday, Oct. 5

12:30 p.m. The Farewell 2:30 p.m. The Shoplifters 5:30 p.m. Perfect Strangers 7:30 p.m. Non-Fiction

Friday, Oct. 4

11 a.m. Non-Fiction 5:30 p.m. Transit 7:30 p.m. Capernaum

Sunday, Oct. 6

12:30 p.m. Transit 2:30 p.m. Capernaum Non-Fiction 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Perfect Strangers

Tickets are sold at the **Keith-Albee Theatre**

For Information: 304.696.6656

Ticket Prices

Students : FREE Adults: \$10.00

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Calling all makers: RCBI to host annual WV Makes Festival Oct. 4



Makers of all ages will compete for cash prizes and state bragging rights Oct. 4 during West Virginia's largest maker festival on the Huntington campus of Marshall University.

The sixth annual West Virginia Makes Festival, hosted by the Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI), is a celebration of creativity and ingenuity in all their forms. Artisans, inventors, hobbyists and students from West Virginia and beyond will demonstrate their creations during the

event on Marshall's Memorial Student Center Plaza.

The festival will feature a Design Challenge for students and other adults that awards a series of cash prizes – including a "Best of Show" grand prize. Registration for the challenge is free at www.wvmakes.com.

In addition, the festival will include demonstrations of robots, 3D printers, lasers and other innovative technologies, special exhibits, hands-on activities and live musical performances. Running from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the festival is free and open to everyone.

"We invite makers from across the region to showcase their creativity during the Makes Festival," said Charlotte Weber, RCBI director and CEO. "This is also a wonderful opportunity for school groups and members of the general public to get to know the diverse and talented makers in our communities."





The West Virginia Makes Festival is made possible through the support of the Cabell-Huntington Convention &

Visitors Bureau, CART (Center for Applied Research and Technology), Charleston Area Alliance, Chase Bank, Edward Tucker Architects, the Huntington Area Development Council (HADCO), the Marshall University Research Corporation, Sterling Supply Company, Stites & Harbison PLLC, Suddenlink by Altice, Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia, the West Virginia Manufacturers Association and ZEISS.

For more information, contact RCBI's Jamie Cope by e-mail at jcope@rcbi.org or by phone at 304-781-1680.

Photos: Scenes from last year's West Virginia Makes Festival on Marshall's Huntington campus.

Jenkins Hall reopening to be observed Oct. 4



Marshall will host an event to observe the Jenkins Hall reopening from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, which will include the dedication of several rooms, tours of Jenkins and the One Room Schoolhouse, and a reception. President Gilbert will kick things off with opening remarks.

"As one of the university's original academic units, we are proud of our history, but even prouder of the impact we are making today on students and teachers," said Dr. Teresa Eagle, dean of the College of Education and Professional Development. "Our renovated facilities will help us serve education in the 21st century."

A mural will be unveiled to commemorate Marshall's laboratory school, which was used to demonstrate the latest teaching techniques for Marshall students studying education.

Rooms to be dedicated include the Dorothy "Dot" Hicks Wellness Classroom, the Susan Runyan Maier Distance Learning Classroom and the Champion Industries Classroom.



Marshall Dentistry & Oral Surgery



Dr. Vikram Chauhan

Join us for a healthy walk & talk about DENTAL HYGIENE.

Saturday, October 5 @ 8:30 am

Ritter Park – Huntington (Meet @ 8th Street Parking Lot) For additional information, please call 304.691.1713.









Health and Wellness Fair

Sponsored by Marshall Health, Office of Human Resources and Student Affairs

Thursday, October 10, 2019 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center

Open to all faculty, staff, alumni and students. Please bring Marshall ID Card.

Visit all of our booths for a chance to win prizes!

Vendor Registration Form: https://tinyurl.com/MU-HealthFair

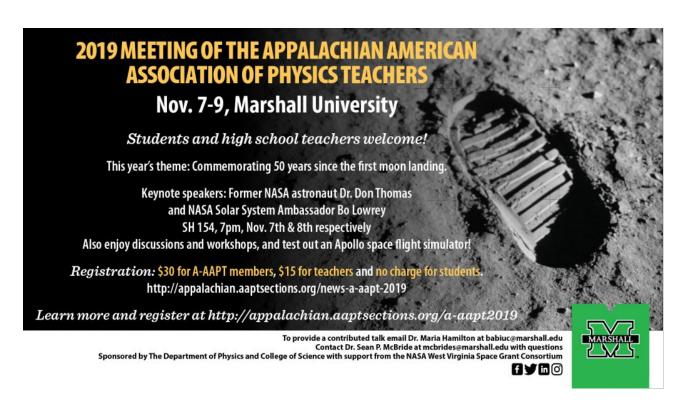
Contact gill54@marshall.edu to learn more







Marshall to host 2019 meeting of the Appalachian American Association of Physics Teachers



Marshall University will host the 2019 Meeting of the Appalachian American Association of Physics Teachers (A-AAPT 2019) Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 7-9, on the Huntington campus. It is open to students and high school teachers from throughout the region.

This year's meeting will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Dr. Don Thomas, former NASA astronaut and a veteran of four Space Shuttle missions, will be the public keynote speaker for the conference. Thomas' talk starts at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, in Room 154 of Smith Hall and is free and open to the public. A reception will follow in the Birke Art Gallery Atrium, with the Birke Art Gallery in Smith Hall holding special hours of 6 to 9 p.m. for the event.

Bo Lowrey, a NASA solar system ambassador, will also provide a free talk open to the public as part of the A-AAPT conference. He will speak at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, in Room 154 of Smith Hall.

The meeting also will include talks and workshops presented by local educators from surrounding high schools and universities. Participants in the workshops will have the opportunity to test out an Apollo space flight simulator and experience forces, momentum, orbital mechanics, thermodynamics and fluid mechanics of space flight. They will also learn about the Pulsar Search Collaboratory, an out-of-school-time citizen science project for students age 13 and up.

This celebratory meeting aims to be both engaging and instructive, inspiring people to learn more about space, said Dr. Maria Hamilton, professor of physics at Marshall and an event organizer.

Registration for these conference talks and workshops will be \$30 for A-AAPT members, \$15 for teachers, and no charge for students. Dinner on Nov. 8 and lunch on Nov. 9 will be included for registered participants.

Register or find more information at http://appalachian.aaptsections.org/a-aapt2019/. With questions, contact organizers Hamilton (babiuc@marshall.edu) and Dr. Sean P. McBride (mcbrides@marshall.edu), Department of Physics, Marshall University.

The event is sponsored by the Department of Physics and College of Science at Marshall University along with the NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium.





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Marshall School of Medicine Class of 2021 establishes scholarship in memory of Dr. Laura Richardson



Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine's Class of 2021 has become only the second class to endow a scholarship early in their medical school career.

The School of Medicine Class of 2021 established a \$25,000 endowed scholarship in memory of Laura L. Richardson, Ph.D., associate professor of biomedical sciences, assistant dean of academic

affairs and director of preclinical education. The scholarship, which is designated for first-year medical students with financial need, serves as a symbol of the students' respect and appreciation of Richardson's leadership, support and dedication to the School of Medicine and its students from 2005 until her death on May 18, 2018.

"Our class built a strong relationship with Dr. Richardson during our time with her," said David E. Bartlett, class president. "Through this scholarship, we hope that the lasting impression that she made on her students and institution can live on to help future students on their journey to becoming physicians."

As the 82 members of the class of 2021 prepared to wrap up their second year of medical school and studied rigorously for their Step 1 test exams, they finalized the details of their class scholarship.

"Student indebtedness is something that our class feels strongly about," Bartlett said. "We felt obligated to help lift some of this burden from future students by working diligently to endow our class scholarship. Endowing our class scholarship has been a truly rewarding experience for our class. It has been a complete team effort from start to finish, and I cannot overemphasize the hard work put in by our class."

Class scholarships were established in 1987 at the School of Medicine by the Class of 1987 as a way to create a culture of giving among medical students and help build a sense of camaraderie among classmates. To date, 34 of the school's 39 graduating classes have established endowed scholarships and/or endowments.

"I continue to be amazed at the Class of 2021's leadership and willingness to make a difference for future medical students by their interest and efforts to endow their scholarship," said Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs at the School of Medicine. "This is truly a Herculean effort and one that sets the bar for the following classes to achieve. I am so grateful to each of them."

In 2018, the Class of 2020 became Marshall's first medical school class to create an endowed scholarship well before graduation. For more information or make a gift to the school of medicine, contact Holmes by e-mail at holmes@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-691-1711.

Photo: From left are class officers Danny Jayasuriya, Sam Wood, David Bartlett and Hannah Datz.

Entries welcome for 2020 Black History Month poster competitions



The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum's 2020 Black History Month poster competitions are open this semester. There is one competition open to all West Virginia K-12 students, and another competition open to all Marshall University students. The theme is "African Americans and the Vote."

For the K-12 competition, students compete with others in their own age group — elementary, middle or high school. There

will be a \$100 prize for one student winner each at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Their teachers win a \$50 gift certificate. The deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, for K-12 students. Parents must grant permission for the work to be shared publicly.

For the K-12 competition, posters can be sized at 11" X 15" or 8 ½" X 11". Submissions from Cabell County Schools should go to Marisa Main, related arts academic specialist, who can be reached by e-mail at mm@k12.wv.us and by phone at 304-528-5340. K-12 students outside Cabell County may send submissions to Burnis Morris of Marshall University, professor of journalism and mass communications and director of the Carter G. Woodson Lyceum, at the following address: 1 John Marshall Drive, Huntington, WV 25755. He can be reached via e-mail at morrisb@marshall.edu.

For Marshall students, the overall winning poster comes with a \$200 prize and will become Marshall University's official 2020 Black History Poster for the Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum. Submission of an entry to this competition grants the lyceum permission to use entries to promote various lyceum and university activities.

An informational meeting and brainstorming session is planned for 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, in room 411 of the Visual Arts Center, and the deadline for Marshall students' submissions is at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2. Marshall students should e-mail entries to Sandra Reed, professor of art and design, at sandra.reed@marshall.edu. Entry filenames should follow this format: Lastname Firstinitial BlackHistoryposter 2020.

Information to inspire further creative research regarding this theme is available at https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/.

Posters will be judged on how effectively they express the "African Americans and the Vote" theme; their potential to improve race relations and/or preserve/observe black history; and design quality. Examples of winning work from prior years can be found

at https://www.marshall.edu/woodsonlyceum/poster-contest/.

Marshall students' designs should be formatted to 11 x 15 inches and submitted as a PDF or EPS file no larger than 4 MB. The winner may need to adapt their design to additional formats. The Marshall and lyceum logos and credit line to the winner will be added to the winning poster.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson is considered the Father of Black History. Before Woodson received international recognition for his research, he was a West Virginia coal miner. He received his high school diploma from the Frederick Douglass High School here in Huntington, West Virginia, in 1896, and returned four years later as principal. A statue of Woodson, located at 820 Hal Greer Blvd., honors his connections to Huntington and West Virginia. Marshall memorialized Woodson's achievements by creating the lyceum in his honor. For details about Woodson: www.marshall.edu/woodsonlyceum/.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

AESTHETIC JOURNALISM



"Aesthetic journalism involves artistic practices in the form of investigation of social, cultural or political circumstances."

- Alfredo Cramerotti

DEADLINE: NOV. 11

SUBMIT WORKS TO:
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NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE
SENT BY NOV. 22

Students who have taken JMC classes can submit works to be exhibited in the Birke Art Gallery in the Spring of 2020.

WORKS CAN INCLUDE:

PHOTOGRAPHY
VIDEOS/FILMS
PHOTO ESSAYS
OTHER WORKS THAT REFLECT THE THEME

Students can submit 3-5 pieces, with a brief statement of how the work fits the theme of Aesthetic Journalism.

For more information about how to submit works, contact: Tijah Bumgarner, Assistant Professor





Zatar chairs sessions and presents at 10th Annual New York Bridge



Dr. Wael Zatar, dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering, served as chair of the Technical Session on Bridge Loads and Fatigue Analysis at the 10th Annual New York Bridge Conference in New York City. He also presented a paper titled "Application of heat straightening repair of impacted highway steel bridge girder" in the Technical Session on Asset Management of Bridges.

Zatar's presentation addressed best protocols for asset management of

West Virginia bridges. His presentation was in correlation to the Road to Prosperity Project that was established in 2017 in West Virginia. The Road to Prosperity Project funds more than 700 improvement projects, totaling some \$2.97 billion, creating 48,000 estimated jobs and constructing or renovating an estimated 1,200 miles of West Virginia roads and bridges.

"It has been an absolute privilege and honor to chair technical sessions and present to hundreds of highly recognized experts in the field of asset management of transportation infrastructure, who have traveled from across the globe to share the latest knowledge and practice in the field," Zatar said. "It was an absolute joy to see the reaction to the maintenance and asset management protocols that we are establishing in West Virginia."

The New York Bridge Conference is organized by the Bridge Engineering Association to bring together experts from all over the United States and the world. These experts promote advancements in quality and state-of-the-art bridge engineering and share their knowledge related to transportation asset management.

Marshall Beta Gamma Sigma chapter earns highest honors

Marshall has received the Highest Honors designation with Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS), the international business honor society. This is the highest level of recognition a chapter can earn in BGS' Chapter Honor Roll program, and it commends Brad D. Smith Schools of Business' commitment to academic excellence, leadership and student success.

As a designated Beta Gamma Sigma Highest Honors chapter, Marshall University also receives a scholarship for one BGS student to attend the 2019 Global Leadership Summit—an annual event that gathers some of the top business students from around the world for a four-day learning and networking experience.

Chapters that make the BGS Honor Roll receive other benefits as well, including the ability to nominate for society-wide awards and yearlong international recognition at business education conferences.

"We are extremely proud of our business students' outstanding accomplishments and for achieving the highest possible status of honor," said Dr. Avinandan "Avi" Mukherjee, dean of the Lewis College of Business and the Brad D. Smith Schools of Business.

For more information, contact the faculty advisor, Dr. Ben Eng, assistant professor of marketing, by phone at 304-696-4320 or by e-mail at eng2@marshall.edu.

About the Brad D. Smith Schools of Business:

Established as a separate unit of Marshall University in 1969, the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business has over 50 full-time faculty members and holds the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation. In 1996, the college was named in honor of Lewis, a benefactor of the college. In 2018, in recognition of Brad and Alys Smiths' generous gift, the college named its undergraduate and graduate schools the Brad D. Smith Undergraduate School of Business and the Brad D. Smith Graduate School of Business, respectively.

About Beta Gamma Sigma:

Founded in 1913, Beta Gamma Sigma is the international business honor society for AACSB-accredited schools, which are the top 5% of business school programs around the world. Inducted as students, BGS members go on to serve in critical leadership roles in corporate, entrepreneurial, government, non-profit, and academic sectors.

Digital Forensics program recognized at leading cybersecurity conference



Marshall University was among four universities recognized this month for longtime participation in the Black Hat Conference Associate program. Black Hat is among the top cybersecurity conferences in the country, attended by over 15,000 people annually. This year's event was Aug. 7-8 at Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, and students in Marshall's digital forensics and

information assurance program were selected to work at the conference and attend for free.

For 10 years, Black Hat has partnered with college-level cybersecurity programs to nominate students to participate in the Conference Associate (CA) program. These students assist in all aspects of the daily operation of the conference. While off-shift, the students are able to visit the Business Hall or attend any of the conference's technical briefings or demonstrations. Students can also participate in interview sessions with businesses during the conference, which has led to career opportunities for Marshall students.

This year, five of Marshall's Digital Forensics students and one staff member participated, including students Jacob Vaughan, Caleb Karr, Kevin Hoang, Mariah Dixon and Brittany Belcher, as well as Bob Dorado of Marshall's ID office in Information Technology.

"It's one of the best experiences that anyone at any age in this field can participate in," Belcher said. "Interacting and engaging with others in the cyber community opens many doors and broadens the horizon so that no matter your gender, race, ethnicity, there's a job for you in this ever-growing field."

"This is a great opportunity for students to network," said Bill Gardner, assistant professor of digital forensics and information assurance at Marshall. "This experience gives our students an edge in finding careers in digital forensics and cybersecurity upon graduation because of the many industry contacts they make."

Photo: Marshall representatives to this year's Black Hat conference included five students and one staff member. In the front row, from left, are students Jacob Vaughan, Caleb Karr, Mariah Dixon and Brittany Belcher. In the back row, from left are Bob Dorado of Marshall's ID office and Kevin Hoang.

The next regular issue of We AreMarshall will be distributed October 2, 2019. Please send items for consideration to WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu by 5 p.m. Monday, September 30, 2019.
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