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The Newsletter for Marshall University

November 6, 2019

Marshall to present 56th annual International Festival Saturday



The 56th annual International Festival, sponsored by the Office of International Student Services, returns to Marshall from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, in the Memorial Student Center. The event will take place on the second floor due to ongoing building

renovations. Guests needing elevator access should use the 5th Avenue entrance for the event.

Admission to the festival is free and open to the public. Guests are encouraged to purchase international food samples from local vendors during the event. Participating restaurants include Hibachi Japanese Steakhouse, Jewel City Seafood, Kustom Kreams, Marshall Dining by Sodexo and New China Garden Buffet.

The festival is West Virginia's largest and longest-running international festival, featuring international foods, world music, dance and displays representing many countries and cultures.

"This is a great event for anyone who enjoys learning about other cultures and sampling delicious cuisine from around the world. We hope the entire Huntington community will join us for this truly global experience," said Jyotsna Patel, event coordinator and administrator for the Office of International Student Services at Marshall.

"The International Festival provides a relaxing atmosphere to make new friends and become acquainted with different cultures. Knowing and

understanding each other is a great start to making the world a more accepting and harmonious place."

Children attending the event will have the opportunity to have a "passport" filled as they travel to various student booths representing more than 20 different countries. The physics and engineering departments will have demonstration tables and hands-on activities. Face painting, popcorn, a photo booth, games, crafts and more will also be available throughout the event, including a special appearance by Marshall University's Marco.

The School of Pharmacy will be offering free flu shots to attendees throughout the evening.

Live entertainment will feature Voodoo Katz of Charleston, West Virginia, a six-man band known for their core Caribbean and African numbers, as well as various performances by Marshall University international students.

A silent auction will be held, and raffle tickets will be available throughout the event for chances to win various items including a signed Marshall basketball with a pair of season tickets, a Vizio TV with built-in Chromecast donated by Comfort Suites of South Point, Board & Brush workshop certificates, Tophat couples dance sessions, Herman Miller Verus office chair donated by Contemporary Galleries of WV Inc., MU Artist Series tickets, Becca's Wreaths and more.

The event is sponsored by Insurance for Students Inc., Artina Promotional Products, Chipotle Mexican Grill, City National Bank, Glenn's Sporting Goods, Kroger, WoodmenLife and Yeager Airport. In addition, organizers gave a special thank you to Victor's Cleaners and Launderers for ironing the flags.

For more information about Marshall University's International Festival, contact the Office of International Student Services at 304-696-6229, e-mail <u>patelj@marshall.edu</u> or visit the International Festival website at <u>www.marshall.edu/iss/festival</u>.

LCME accredits School of Medicine for full eight years



The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has received a full eight-year accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the maximum period of accreditation a school can receive.

The accreditation process involved a twoyear period during which teams of faculty, staff and students produced an extensive self-study, which was submitted to the LCME in December 2018. The self-study was then comprehensively reviewed by

an LCME survey team prior to a three-day site visit during spring 2019. Following the site visit, a report was submitted to the accrediting body, where discussions and a final report were generated this month.

"This is a tremendous achievement for a school of medicine," said Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. "The LCME continues to raise the bar for medical education, and I am so pleased with how our school has worked to meet and exceed those benchmarks. Although many, many people were involved in preparing for this accreditation review, I need to particularly call out the efforts of Dr. Bobby Miller, our vice dean for medical education, who coordinated this entire process."

"This was clearly a team effort," Miller said. "In fact, it was notable how impressed the site visitors were that our entire medical school was so deeply and thoroughly invested. I serve as an LCME reviewer myself, and I can honestly say that it is unusual to see a school like ours with such widespread commitment to the quality improvement process that leads to accreditation."

During that same time, Marshall's School of Medicine was preparing for a major revision to its medical education curriculum. In June 2019, the school submitted its revised curriculum plans, which merge *pre-clinical and clinical education into an active-learning format, to the LCME. Although the* LCME does not decide whether a school can move forward with curriculum changes, the LCME accreditation notice validated that the school has the necessary resources to proceed with implementing the new curriculum during the 2020-2021 academic year.

The LCME reviewed the survey team's report from its site visit as well as the School of Medicine's curriculum modification notice in making its decision.

The next full survey visit for Marshall's School of Medicine will be during the 2026-2027 academic year. During the interim period, the school will continue to make adjustments and monitor key areas, including career advising, through a continuous quality improvement process.

Board of Governors approves plan for new cyber graduate degree program



Marshall moved a step closer to offering a master's degree in Cyber Forensics and Defense as the university's Board of Governors approved an intent to plan for the program at its meeting last week.

The degree meets a nationwide need for qualified cybersecurity professionals, and will help attract students to Marshall.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor

Statistics, the projected average occupation growth rate for information security analysts is 32 percent, which is exponentially higher than the five percent growth rate projected for all occupations.

"Technology has changed our world," said Marshall University President Jerome A. Gilbert. "And, with that change has come the development of cybercrime and other vulnerabilities. This program will educate the next generation of individuals trained to identify and address those threats."

The program is intended for individuals who are already working in the field, and is expected to be up and running in 2020. This will be the third graduate cyber degree offered at Marshall, but the only one that will be practitioner focused, with pathways for applicants who may have been out of school for a while and bring with them three or more years of documented work experience in digital forensics or information assurance/cybersecurity.

In other action, the board approved the purchase of several parcels of land close to the Erma Byrd Clinical Center and the Marshall University School of Pharmacy for the purpose of developing a garage to provide additional parking for students, faculty and staff on the Health Sciences campus. The university currently leases the land from Cabell Huntington Hospital.

The board accepted the audited financial report for fiscal year 2018-19 and an investment earnings report, and authorized the reissuing of outstanding revenue bonds to save money on interest. The group also continued its effort to review and update university policies with a discussion of 12 academic, financial and administrative policies.

In addition, architects for the university's planned baseball stadium presented a series of renderings of the new facility, expected to open in spring 2021.

*** **Countdown to** ommencement Tuesday, Nov. 5th and Wednesday, Nov. 6th 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center** This event is open to all 2019 July, August and tentative December graduates. Complete pre-commencement responsibilities, gather information and celebrate a significant milestone in your life. ALL IN ONE STOP!

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RAISE AWARENESS & SUPPORT SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Wednesday, November 6th 6:30 - 8:30 pm MSC Shawkey Dining Room

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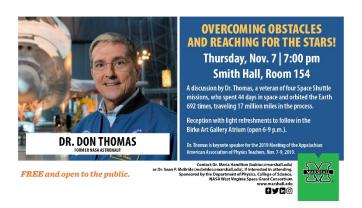
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NASA astronaut, solar systems ambassador to speak at Marshall



Marshall University will host a NASA astronaut and a NASA solar systems ambassador Nov. 7-8 to speak as part of the 2019 meeting of the Appalachian American Association of Physics Teachers (A-AAPT 2019), which goes on Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 7-9, on the Huntington campus.

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, "Overcoming Obstacles and Reaching for the Stars," 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 systems 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.

This year's meeting will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. The conference is open to students and high school teachers from throughout the region. They'll be able to participate in workshops presented by area educators, as well as have the opportunity to test out an Apollo space flight simulator and learn about the Pulsar Search Collaboratory, a citizen science project for students age 13 and up.

Thomas' presentation is supported by education and outreach funds through NSF-EPSCoR RII-Track 1 OIA-1458952 and the state of West Virginia, as well as the NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium. The A-AAPT meeting is supported by a Local Section Meeting Award from the American Association of Physics Teachers, the Appalachian Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers and the Department of Physics in the College of Science.





Faculty research grant program accepting applications

The John Marshall University Scholars Award program is now accepting proposals for the fall 2020 term.

The program provides Marshall faculty members with an opportunity to develop a significant creative or scholarly output.

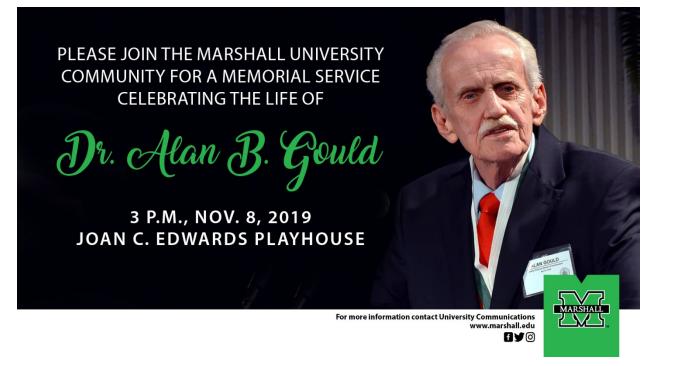
Eligibility requirements:

- Applicants must be full-time, probationary tenure-track or tenured faculty members or librarians;
- Faculty recipients are expected to devote the full period of the award to the proposed project. Recipients cannot teach or accept overload assignments during the award period.
- Faculty members are eligible for only one award—academic year or summer—within a three-year period.

The proposed project can involve research, design, development, field study, creative work or performance.

The project must be structured so the awardee can produce creative or scholarly output (e.g. a presentation, a paper ready for publication submission, exhibit, or performance) at the end of the award period.

Complete applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Dec. 2, 2019. For more information, click <u>here</u>.



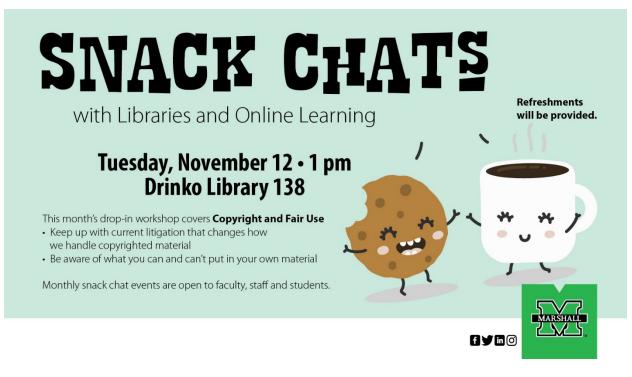
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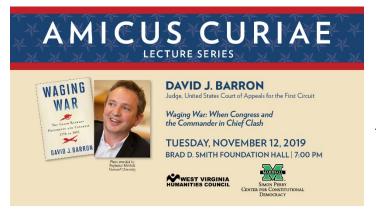


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Federal Judge David J. Barron to speak at Marshall Nov. 12



Marshall's Amicus Curiae Lecture Series continues at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall with a lecture by David J. Barron, judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. His lecture is titled "Waging War: When Congress and the Commander in Chief Clash,"

and the event is free and open to the public.

Barron will explore the history of the United States' Commanders in Chief and Congress battling over the power to wage war, going back even before the colonies became a nation and continuing to the present. Based on his research and his own experiences as a legal adviser in the U.S. Department of Justice on national security matters, Barron will discuss how presidents and those who have advised them have proved adept, with rare exception, at avoiding constitutional crises by waging war on terms even reluctant or hostile Congresses can accept.

"Judge Barron brings a deep knowledge of history and law, as well as personal experience at the highest levels of the judicial and executive branches, to his discussion of a very relevant topic," said Patricia Proctor, director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy. "He is also an entertaining writer and speaker who will deliver a thought-provoking presentation to our audience. We are very fortunate to have him in the Series."

Barron joined the U.S. Court of Appeals in 2014, and before that served as the S. William Green Professor at Harvard Law School, which he joined in 1999. Barron served in the Office of Legal Counsel in the U.S. Department of Justice from 1996 to 1999 and as acting head of the office from 2009 to 2010. He began his legal career as a law clerk to Judge Stephen R. Reinhardt of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and Justice John Paul Stevens of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Barron holds a bachelor's degree and Juris Doctor from Harvard University. His book, *Waging War: The Clash Between Presidents and Congress, 1776 to* *ISIS*, won the William E. Colby Award in 2017. The award is given annually by Norwich University to a first solo work of fiction or nonfiction that has made a major contribution to the understanding of military history, intelligence operations or international affairs.

This lecture is sponsored by Marshall's Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy with support from the West Virginia Humanities Council.



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Supplier Diversity Program Presents: How to do business with Marshall University



This workshop is designed for current and potential vendors who are interested in doing business with Marshall University. Attendees will gain insights on the types of products and services purchased by the university, what is necessary to do business and how to take advantage of upcoming opportunities.

Wednesday, November 13 | 10-11:30am Marshall University's Main Campus | Huntington, WV Drinko Library, Room 402

Topics Covered:

- understanding the contracting process
- vendor registration
- bidding opportunities
- procurement updates

Please RSVP by Friday, November 8th by sending an email to purchasing@marshall.edu

If you experience any difficulties, contact Tracey Brown-Dolinski at browndolinsk@marshall.edu



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Faculty/Staff Appreciation Days for football, basketball to take place this month



Marshall University Athletics will have faculty/staff appreciation days for both football and basketball this month.

The annual Marshall Staff & Faculty Appreciation game for football will take place Friday, Nov. 15.

Each Marshall faculty or staff member can receive up to two (2) complimentary tickets for this game. To pick up tickets, come to the main ticket office, located on the street level of the Henderson Center, and bring a valid Marshall ID. Normal office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Deadline to pick up tickets is Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Important Info

- Marshall Football vs. LA Tech on Friday, Nov. 15
- Kick-off is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.
- Two complimentary tickets for each valid Marshall Faculty or Staff ID
- You must bring your physical ID to the Marshall Ticket Office
- You may bring other IDs from your department in with you to pick-up multiple staff members' tickets
- Additional friends and family tickets beyond two (2) complimentary: \$15 each
- DEADLINE TO PICK UP: Wednesday, Nov. 13

We look forward to seeing everyone at the game!

The annual Marshall Staff & Faculty Appreciation game for basketball will take place Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Each Marshall faculty or staff member can receive up to two (2) complimentary tickets for this game as well. To pick up tickets, come to the main ticket office, located on the street level of the Henderson Center, and bring a valid Marshall ID. Normal office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Deadline to pick up tickets is Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Important Info

- Marshall Basketball vs. College of Charleston on Tuesday, Nov. 19
- Tip-off is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.
- Two complimentary tickets for each valid Marshall Faculty or Staff ID
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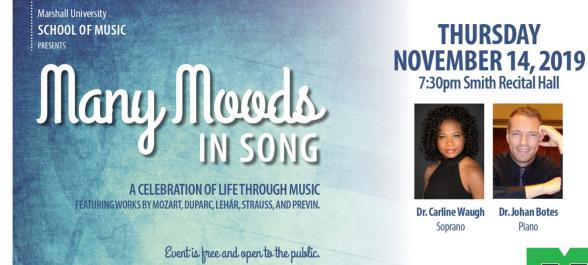
- You may bring other IDs from your department in with you to pick-up multiple staff members' tickets
- Additional friends and family tickets beyond two (2) complimentary: \$8 each
- DEADLINE TO PICK UP: Wednesday, Nov. 13

We hope you enjoy the game!

Please call 800-THE-HERD or e-mail <u>herdtickets@marshall.edu</u> for all questions.

Thank you for your support of Marshall University Athletics and GO HERD!







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AN EVENING WITH STEPHEN RITZ **OF THE GREEN BRONX MACHINE**

7 p.m. | Thursday, November 14, 2019 Jean Carlo Stephenson Auditorium 800 5th Avenue | Huntington, WV

Stephen Ritz is a South Bronx educator who believes that students should not have to leave their community to live, learn, and earn in a better one. His curriculum is being used in hundreds of schools across the country, and internationally from Colombia to Dubai, from Canada to Cairo, to Doha and beyond. Stephen will be speaking about how these 'growing green' principles can be applied here in Huntington to promote healing and growth and how the MU Sustainability and Social Work Department have projects in the works that will do just that.

Learn more: https://greenbronxmachine.org/



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School of Medicine studies use of biologic augmentation in ACL reconstruction surgery

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine is initiating a new clinical trial to evaluate the efficacy and safety of using biologic augmentation during anterior cruciate ligament, or ACL, reconstruction surgery.

This minimally invasive technique uses a mixture of bone marrow concentrate, autograft bone and demineralized bone matrix to fill the tunnels within the knee joint during traditional ACL reconstruction. This technique also utilizes an innovative concept of internal brace reinforcement to improve stability of the healing ACL.

Chad D. Lavender, M.D., a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon at Marshall Health and assistant professor in the department of orthopaedic surgery at Marshall's School of Medicine, was the lead on the development of the new technique – known as the "fertilized ACL" – being studied in the trial.

"Our goal is to identify and quantify possible improvements in pain, failure rates and clinical outcomes from our enhanced ACL technique. We will closely follow return to play outcomes and will be obtaining advanced imaging to show healing of our reconstructions and surrounding tissues," said Lavender.

Patients who meet the study's inclusion criteria will be randomly placed into two groups—one using biologic augmentation and one using traditional ACL reconstruction – with half undergoing surgery with the studied technique.

Marshall is now recruiting 100 patients for the study. To be eligible to participate, patients must be aged 14-40 years old with a recently torn ACL. The surgeries will be performed at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Participants will attend regularly scheduled study visits with Marshall Health physicians for ongoing assessment. Any additional imaging or visits needed for the trial outside the standard of care will be paid for by the study. For more information about the clinical trial or to schedule an assessment to see if you meet the criteria, please contact Lavender at Marshall Orthopaedics in Teays Valley at 304-691-6710.

Study 1455859-2 has been approved by the Marshall University Institutional Review Board #1.

Foundation holds annual Donor Recognition Celebration



The Marshall University Foundation held its ninth annual Donor Recognition Celebration event Friday, Oct. 11, at the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall on Marshall's Huntington campus.

The event, which recognizes and celebrates the generosity of donors with lifetime giving over \$100,000 to Marshall University, welcomed a total of 25 new members. Twentyfour of those members were

recognized as President's Circle members for their lifetime giving of \$100,000 to \$250,000, while the other entered the William Buffington Society for a lifetime giving of \$250,000 to \$500,000.

"It takes a village to support our students, and together, they are shaping a generation who strives to pay it forward," said Dr. Ron Area, chief executive officer of the Marshall University Foundation. "We are truly blessed to have many alumni and friends that believe in Marshall University and continue to help us rise to a new era of excellence."

Darby McCloud, a junior majoring in biology from Chesapeake, Ohio, and the recipient of two privately funded scholarships, took the opportunity to explain to donors how they make students' dreams come true.

"Each and every one of you have had an impact in my life to this moment, ever since you donated to Marshall University students," McCloud said. "For that, I will be forever grateful. You gave me something that I never truly had until this moment. You all gave me confidence. To me, confidence is being able to pursue your goals with nothing stopping you or holding you back. It is going after what you want in life without hesitation. You strengthened my desire to do well in my classes, because I want to make sure that your donations have not been in vain. You gave me an education that I could not have achieved on my own income. But, most importantly, you gave me confidence in my abilities. I always know that you believe in me, and for that I am forever thankful."

The Marshall University Foundation calculates lifetime giving totals annually. For a complete listing of our lifetime giving society members, please visit <u>www.marshall.edu/foundation</u>.

Photo: President Gilbert congratulates Darby McCloud (second from left), a scholarship recipient who spoke at the Marshall University Foundation's ninth annual Donor Recognition Celebration event Oct. 11. With them are from third left, Darby McCloud's brother, Logan McCloud; father, Steven McCloud; and mother, Melissa McCloud. The event recognizes and celebrates the generosity of donors with lifetime giving of over \$100,000 to Marshall University.

New Marshall Journal of Medicine issue online



The new issue of the Marshall Journal of Medicine Volume 5, Issue 4, is available for review. To read the new articles visit the Journal's website <u>https://mds.marshall.edu/mjm/</u>

Small Communities, BIG Solutions conference registration now open



Southern West Virginia will be in the spotlight this coming fall, as the Alliance for Economic Development of Southern West Virginia, the West Virginia Community Development Hub and Coalfield Development are teaming up once again for the second annual Small Communities, BIG Solutions conference. This event will showcase southern West Virginia successes and highlight what is working across the state's 21

most southern counties. The Small Communities, BIG Solutions conference will be held at BridgeValley Community & Technical College's Advanced Technology Center, located at the West Virginia Regional Technology Park in South Charleston, Monday, Nov. 18.

"We received overwhelming positive feedback from our attendees and participants in last year's conference, so we decided to make the conference an annual tradition," Sara Payne Scarbro, the alliance's operations council chair, said. "There are so many individuals and organizations that are doing amazing work and this conference gives attendees the opportunity to network, make new connections and learn about what is working well in southern West Virginia."

Brandon Dennison, founder and CEO of Coalfield Development said, "We often don't take the time to capture our successes and we may overlook what we are doing well. This conference is important because it allows us to push 'pause' to celebrate each other and learn about what is actually working in our communities and how to build upon those successes."

The partners expect a good mix of participants, including businesses, educators, community leaders and public officials.

The one-day function will include updates from U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, other government leaders, the West Virginia Department of Commerce, and business and education leaders.

Attendees will have an opportunity to attend various breakout sessions on various topics including addiction and recovery, workforce development, community revitalization, women's issues and many more.

The conference partners will also highlight seven individuals during a POWER of Performance awards ceremony during the conference.

"We truly want to honor our own during this conference," Stephanie Tyree, West Virginia Community Development Hub's executive director said. "These POWER performers can be businesses, grantees, community activists or individuals. This is a time for southern West Virginia to shine and we will highlight the best of the best during our conference." The Small Communities, BIG Solutions conference is open to the public, but space is extremely limited. The cost is \$35 per person. To learn more about the conference and to register, visit Eventbrite at <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/small-communities-big-solutions-conference-tickets-63427628745?aff=ebdssbdestsearch</u>. For more information contact Scarbro at 304-696-2889.



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Marshall receives grant to assist students with disabilities

Marshall has received a five-year grant totaling more than \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs. The grant is for a program that will develop qualified special educators and mental health providers to assist students with disabilities that may have been caused by prenatal substance exposure, complex traumatic stress, adverse childhood experiences and/or adverse community environments.

Dr. Lanai Jennings, assistant professor and director of the school psychology program at Marshall, said that the program, called "PREPaRED to CARE" will give evidence-based training to graduate students who will receive a master's or specialist degree in special education, school counseling or school psychology. She is leading a team of interdisciplinary faculty from the school psychology, psychology, special education and counseling areas, including Dr. Debra Lockwood, Dr. Carol Smith, Dr. Conrae-Lucas Adkins, Dr. Jennifer McFarland-Whisman, Dr. Sandra Stroebel, Dr. Jonathan Lent, Dr. Jennifer Tiano, and Dr. Marianna Footo-Linz. Amy Saunders represents the Marshall University Center of Excellence for Recovery.

Other key community partners for this grant initiative include West Virginia Parent Training and Information Inc., the West Virginia Advisory Council for the Education of Exceptional Children, the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, the West Virginia Department of Education, nine local educational agencies and the West Virginia School Psychologists Association.

The students in the program will initially participate in one shared course on violence, loss, and trauma; the National Association of School Psychologists' PREPaRE crisis prevention and intervention curriculum; and Child Adult Relationship Enhancement (CARE) training. After that, the students will participate in intensive training and supervision in Teacher-Child Interaction Training by a certified trainer. They will learn to reinforce behavior through praising, reflecting, imitating, describing and enjoying, while providing effective command statements. They will avoid critical comments and minimize questioning. Increased pro-social and pro-academic behaviors are anticipated among elementary school students with associated declines in disruptive behavior.

Nearly 70% of grant is allocated for student tuition waivers. Current and prospective graduate students who would like to be considered for the program should contact Jennings by e-mail at jenningsknot@marshall.edu.

Marshall working toward first commercial compost facility in West Virginia



Marshall University is taking greater steps to "go green" and make a positive impact on the Huntington community in the process.

The Marshall Sustainability Department is developing the first commercial compost facility in West Virginia, located at its University Heights location off Route 60 in Huntington. It will be operated in conjunction with the Gro Marshall Recovery

Fellowship, which is a program within the department through a partnership with the Karma Yoga Institute. The program provides job training and certification to those in recovery through various green-collar fields, such as composting and gardening.

Through the Gro Marshall recovery program, a social equity aspect of sustainability will be realized as well. Emotional intelligence training, financial and life skills training and job development for participants will be offered. Three service hours per week will also be provided in the compost facility and gardens. Upon completion of the program, Gro Marshall will send participants to be certified as master gardeners or as U.S. certified compost technologists. The goal of Gro Marshall is to offer real-life experience with certification to help participants find long-term employment, which has been shown to decrease the rate of relapse.

Marshall University President Dr. Jerome Gilbert, an avid home composter for many years, says he is proud of what the sustainability department is doing with the compost facility.

"This program is a wonderful way for Marshall to help the environment and give back to our community," Gilbert said. "I hope it has a positive impact on the university and our area for years to come."

The compost facility is made possible, in part, through the generous gift of Marshall friend and local business owner Tom Wolf. Wolf owns more than a dozen McDonalds franchises in the Tri-State area and has been instrumental in development of the project.

Marshall University Sustainability Manager Amy Parsons-White says the addition of the compost facility will enable Marshall to be one step closer to being waste free.

"The vast majority of our waste is either recyclable or compostable," said Parsons-White. "By adding the compost facility, the university will be 70% waste free."

Although the university has an active recycling program, roughly 300 tons of food waste, office paper and cardboard are sent to the landfill each year.

"Not everyone chooses to participate in the recycling program and a lot of organics go in the trash," said Parsons-White. "Decomposing organic materials produce methane, which is 70 times more potent than CO2 as a greenhouse gas."

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, one ton of food waste will produce 65 kilograms of methane. By composting all organic material, methane production could be reduced by 21.2 tons per year.

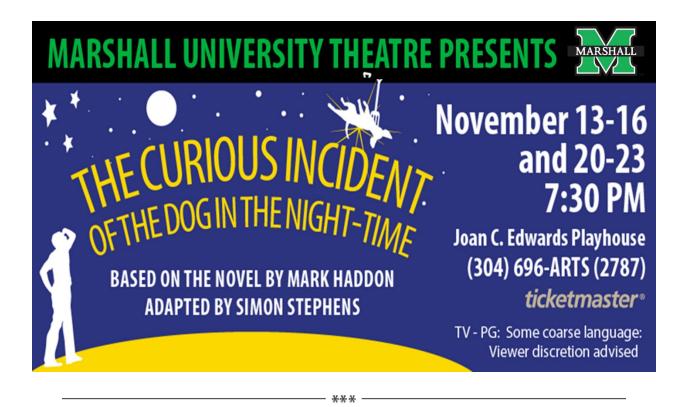
"This will not only have an environmental impact, but a financial impact as well," said Parsons-White. "The compost program will save the university money in waste haul fees and on the expense of purchased soil and garden amendments that go into our landscaping and student gardens. Excess compost will be sold and will produce revenue needed to keep the facility running."

After the digester at the facility is operational, it will hold up to eight cubic yards of waste at a time and can be harvested daily. The compost will be finished in a 5' x 40' worm bin, which will hold 50,000 red wiggler worms. Compost produced by the worms will be harvested twice a week and will be the finished product that will be used on the Huntington campus and sold to the public.

The sustainability department is still working on securing funding for the last piece of equipment needed to make the facility fully functional. The timeline for completion is January 2020.

Sustainability is defined as meeting needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs and has three main pillars: economic, environmental and social, which are informally referred to as people, planet and profits.





Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern West Virginia to set up a Collegiate Recovery Network in Southern West Virginia

The Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern West Virginia has been awarded \$321,653 by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Behavioral Health from the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant. The SOR grants are supported by federal SOR funding, which originates from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. These funds will be used to establish a Southern West Virginia Collegiate Peer Recovery Network, offering peer recovery support services, on seven higher education campuses.

"We are honored to receive this funding because this grant allows us to establish much-needed support services for our students at seven higher education institutions and to connect all of these efforts through the creation of an Advisory Council that will meet regularly," Sara Payne Scarbro, alliance operations council chair and associate vice president for external engagement at the Marshall University Research Corporation, said. "A college campus is a unique environment and this outreach funding will allow each campus to have its own skilled and trained peer recovery support specialist. The specialist will support students seeking recovery or who are currently in recovery so they can become productive adults and meet their educational attainment goals. This is exactly the kind of infrastructure needed in our West Virginia communities and I am proud that the alliance is stepping to the plate to build this vital support structure."

The alliance's Southern West Virginia Collegiate Peer Recovery Network includes the following institutions: BridgeValley Community and Technology College, Bluefield State College, Concord University, Marshall University, Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and West Virginia State University, working with the following behavioral health centers: Prestera, *Seneca Health* Services and Southern Highlands Community Mental Health.

"Behavioral health centers provide valuable resources and services and we are proud to serve our area colleges and universities," Prestera Center's Chief Executive Officer Karen Yost said. "Individuals with substance use disorder or opioid use disorder can recover with the right treatment, services and support that meet their individualized needs. These peers will be able to connect college students with the treatment, help and support that is right for them."

The alliance recognizes that collaboration between service providers and other organizations in delivering services, early intervention and peer recovery support services is vital in meeting individuals' unique needs.

"We are putting together an expert team that will provide our current and future students with wrap-around services and support; plus through the advisory council, we can share best practices, current challenges and innovative approaches," Dr. Jo-Ann Robinson, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management at Bluefield State College said. "We are pleased to participate in this important opportunity to support the pathway to recovery."

The Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern West Virginia is a joint venture among West Virginia's southern colleges and universities to better connect the educational resources and workforce training offered in southern West Virginia to promote the region, eliminate redundancies and share best practices, improve the quality of life for area residents, create jobs, keep West Virginia's talent pool in the state and revitalize southern communities. Learn more about the alliance and its projects online at https://www.marshall.edu/aedswv/. For more information contact Sara Payne Scarbro at 304-696-2889.

Faculty Achievement: Dr. Scott Davis

Dr. Scott Davis, chair and program director of the School of Physical Therapy, was recently appointed to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy – Item Writing Task Force. The Item Writing Task Force is composed of a select group of experienced item-writers who have demonstrated proficiency in writing questions for the National Physical Therapy (Board) Examination. To be considered for the task force, prior items must meet key psychometric properties. The appointment is for a 3-year term.



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