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# 10th Annual Juried Exhibition put on display.

By **MIRANDA VALLES**  
REPORTER

The 10th installation of Marshall University's Annual Juried Exhibition is officially open to the public both in person and virtually at the Charles W. and Norma C. Carroll Gallery from Jan. 19-Feb. 12.

The juried exhibitions are open to any artist that wishes to apply. Their work is submitted digitally for review, which is then handpicked by the juror, who essentially curates the entire exhibition.

This year the exhibition is juried by veteran curator and artist, Jason Franz, who is primarily based out of Cincinnati, Ohio. Franz is the founder and director of "Manifest" which is an art space located in Cincinnati that boasts two galleries and hosts many exhibitions and shows.

Jamie Platt, the Gallery Director and Facilities Coordinator for the School of Art and Design said that the juried aspect of the exhibition is what makes it so unique.

"That's the magic of it. They try to create an exhibition out of a pile of desperate elements by just noticing affinities," Platt said. "It's not unlike making a work of art because when you make a work of art you have the different elements, and you have to find a way to make a cohesive whole."

Platt said that she was particularly excited to work with Franz this year because of his notoriety, which she felt that would attract people's attention and interest. The juried exhibition celebrates over 16 artists from different areas and disciplines and displays nearly 25 different works ranging from paintings to sculptures handpicked by Franz. Of the 16 artists participating in the exhibition, only three are affiliated with Marshall University.

Chase Marcum, a Huntington native, who is most known for his modern furniture pieces talked about his experience as a first-time featured artist in an exhibition.



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# How do Marshall Freshman Feel About Campus Living During the Pandemic?

By **Cameron Collins**  
REPORTER

COVID-19 has changed many aspects of campus life for universities across the United States. Making numerous changes for those choosing to live on-campus, many first-year students at Marshall feel they are missing out on the college experience they imagined.

"I was excited to meet new people from all around through dorm events and gatherings," Grant Herrenkohl, Marshall University Freshman, said, "but events were all through online meetings and the friends I made couldn't come into my building."

Several first-year students discussed how they felt they should be allowed to have at least one documented guest who is allowed to visit them in their dorms upon receiving a negative COVID test.

They explained how they spend time with these people outside of campus and think it would be beneficial to the mental health of students living on-campus. Herrenkohl chose to live at home his second semester due to a lack of social interaction residing on campus.

However, living off-campus is not an option for many students. "COVID-19 has definitely impacted my experience living on campus." Bradley Fetzter, Marshall University

Freshman from Crofton, Maryland, said. "I didn't think I would be in my dorm as much thinking I would be out doing things with people I would meet here."

Despite the circumstances, Fetzter continues to live on campus and has made many friends he sees daily. Marshall freshman living on campus this semester express that their experience living on campus is not quite what they expected.

Although, they make clear Marshall University is doing the best it can under current circumstances to make their experiences equally as memorable as pre-COVID-19.



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# PHC president discusses spring 2021 recruitment plans

By CATHERINE BLANKENSHIP  
Reporter

As the COVID-19 pandemic worsens, Marshall University's Office of Fraternity and Sorority life is implementing a guide for managing a safe, yet memorable Spring 2021 recruitment.

Recruitment is the process that Greek organizations use to promote their campus sororities/fraternities. The goal of recruitment is for chapters to find interested women that will positively contribute to their sisterhood and become life-long friends.

"Because of COVID-19, our recruitment process will look a lot different this semester. Recruitment will be more virtual based instead of strictly face-to-face."

Panhellenic Council President, Courtney Lulek, said. "Our Panhellenic Exec board is really trying to make recruitment as entertaining as possible. Chapters have the option to plan virtual events for women who are interested in meeting their members and learning more about them. Also, depending on where we're at closer to recruitment week with Student Affairs, chapters may have the option to have 1-on-1 or 2-on-1 lunch dates/events with potential new members (that are in accordance with CDC guidelines)."

Typically, during spring recruitment, the chapters will plan specific events for potential new members to attend. At these events, they will

meet the women of the chapter and learn about what makes that chapter different from the rest. After a few nights of events, the women are eligible to receive a bid that invites them to join a specific chapter.

"This year, I am encouraging our chapters to really utilize social media more to help promote what it's like to be part of their sisterhood," Lulek said. "I, along with all of the women on the PHC Exec board, plan to be a resource for anyone interested in going through recruitment and to try and make their experience as good as possible."

"Girls who are interested in recruitment can message myself; our VP of Recruitment, Alyssa Aftanas; our PHC Instagram account,

@marshall\_phc, any of the sororities' Instagram accounts; or any member of one of our four sororities," Lulek said.

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# School of Physical Therapy launches pro bono clinic

By Brittany Hively  
Executive Editor

Marshall School of Physical Therapy bridges the gap between education and uninsured and underinsured patients with a pro bono clinic.

"This is an opportunity for us to give back to the community and help to fill that gap in services for individuals who wouldn't have the opportunity to go to physical therapy. Either because they don't have the benefits or have exhausted their benefits and still need a little more time to meet their goals," said Dr. Laura Stephens, assistant professor.

Stephens said the project has been in the works for a while.

"Given the area that we're in, there is a high number of individuals who, unfortunately, don't have physical therapy benefits or don't have insurance at all," said Dr. Stephens. "Unfortunately, another problem that we run into a lot is people have insurance benefits, but those allotted visits that they're given by their insurance get used up very quickly before they have met their goal of getting better."

The clinic is student-directed.

"The students are the ones who

are proving the treatment and kind of running the day-to-day operations of the clinic with facility oversight," Dr. Stephens said. "They're doctoral students. They're providing the treatment, but licensed physical therapists are providing oversight and assistance as needed and supervision."

Students also were able to be a part of the planning stages of the clinic, and the students feel like it has already benefited them.

"It helped us develop leadership skills," said Mollie Workman, a second-year student. "We've had to

give information out to our classmates, we've developed policies and procedures and a few other things."

Some of the students said they feel being involved with the clinic will make them better professionals.

"We don't spend a whole lot of time learning some of the practical sides to starting your own clinic and the administrative part of being a physical therapist," said Jordan Dowrey, a second-year student. "We've gotten practice at that

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# Pandemic presents enrollment challenges for universities

By **TYLER SPENCE**  
OPINION EDITOR

The arrival of the coronavirus pandemic has disrupted institutions and households worldwide, with no institution hit harder than college campuses. As many colleges and universities moved into a mostly online or hybrid format, freshman college enrollment has plummeted across the country.

A study done by the Nation Student Clearinghouse Research Center highlighted the average freshman enrollment plummeting 13%. It comes as no surprise with most classes limited to online attendance, an economic crisis and the traditional trappings of college life being massively restricted. Marshall has certainly been no exception to this trend.

"In terms of enrollment, this year we're obviously battling Covid and changes to the landscape of higher education," Student Body President, Anna Williams, said. "I think education is not a one size fits all thing; some things work, some

things don't. I think a lot of students are discovering that online or hybrid courses can be a bit difficult."

Marshall's goal as the pandemic continues to make the virtual learning experience as accessible and easy as possible. Williams referenced the student fees refund, setup of hot spots for students in rural areas and expanding the device share program.

Despite the changes and challenges, there are still signs of the university attempting to keep as many students as possible. According to Sarah Davis, Director of Undergraduate Academic Advising, freshman re-enrollment from fall 2020 to spring of this year was nearly identical to years past.

"The fall semester was about access, which we knew, from last spring from when we went online. Making sure students had WiFi, access to a laptop and didn't have to complete class on their phones." Davis said. "I think that has been a response from students that the university has recognized and put forth a bunch of efforts."



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As the nation waits for a day where ordinary life is on the horizon, universities like Marshall will look forward to in-person learning as the standard but will make do in the meantime.

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# Local bakery offers limited-edition seasonal treats

By **ISABELLA ROBINSON**  
THE PARTHENON

Popular downtown Huntington bakery, Paula Vega Cakes and Coffee Shop is debuting a seasonal cupcake for Valentine's Day.

"It is a cupcake with strawberry buttercream icing topped with a chocolate-covered strawberry topping," Paula Vega Cakes and Coffee Shop employee, Jordan Callahan, said.

The cupcake is called "Decadent Covered Strawberry" and is a limited-edition flavor on a very extensive menu traditionally enjoyed by customers around this time of the year.

The cupcake is available for in-store pickup and by order now through Valentine's Day.

"Our brownie and dulce de leche, our French macarons and our raspberry almond cookies are our three best-sellers," said Betti Peaks, a Paula Vega employee. "These are options that are not offered in every bakery, so they're kind of unique to us."

Peaks said the shop boasts its fresh cakes being made daily and never frozen as well as the shops creative array of



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flavor combinations, some of which are original.

"We are a local bakery, and we do a lot of charity work and support the community. We take a lot of pride in doing work in the local community and supporting other local businesses," Peaks said. "All the small businesses around here are pretty good at doing that."

Peaks said during the pandemic, it has been particularly important for local businesses to support each other.

"We get with other businesses and see how we can support each other, whether that's putting coupons in...

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# Marshall opens state's first commercial compost facility

By **BRITTANY HIVELY**  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Marshall University is making waves in West Virginia with the state's first compost facility.

The new facility is located on Norway Avenue in Huntington and will start with recycling from Marshall's campus.

"We will be taking all of our food waste, lawn waste, white office paper and cardboard and take it to the compost facility," said Amy White, sustainability manager. "From there, it will go into a grinder and that will break everything down into one-inch pieces and then it will go into a mixer where we will mix in different ingredients."

White said some of the ingredients mixed in with the breakdown would be horse manure and sawdust from Heart of Phoenix Equine Rescue.

"Then will mix it all up with water, and it will go into the digester," White said. "The digester is a really high-tech piece of equipment that turns at ten rotations per hour and holds the materials being

composted at 140 degrees Fahrenheit for four days."

White said the machine is called a digester for the way it mimics digestion.

"It kills any microbes that might be in it, any seeds that might be living in any of the plants that we take in, and what comes out in four days is compost that is ready to use," White said.

After the four days in the digester, the material will come out as compost, which the facility uses for a number of things, according to White.

"Some of it we will immediately bag, it's called Herd Dirt, and we will be able to sell at The Wild Ramp and also on-site, the public can come there and buy it," White said. "We will also take some of it and put it in a worm bin."

All of the money made from the compost will go back into running the facility with the potential to turn a profit to go back into a general fund of the university, White said.

From researching, writing grants, getting funding and more, White has been working on this project for two and a half years.

The property facility is using was one that the university had already owned.

"Marshall has owned this land for a very long time, and the building was on there. It was being used as storage," White said. "Once it was cleaned out, it really just became the perfect location, and I told them what I was wanting to do and asked if we could use the location, and they gave me permission to use it."

White said students would be able to work at the facility and will tie in with a new agriculture major in the university and in the community.

"Those students can come out and do soil chemistry, experiments, different types of agricultural experiments," White said. "We're wanting it to work as a working laboratory for those majors. We also will be working with various groups to create a hands-on learning experience for people in recovery or even people in the Let Us Grow program. It can all be used in therapy."

White said there is so much that goes into the facility and that will come out of it.

"It will be a little slow to start. It will probably take a few months to get the recipe right," White said. "We will be certified by The United States Composting Council, and we will be EPA certified."

These certifications mean the compost has been tested free of any chemicals and are nutritionally balanced.

White said she hopes to partner with the university's nutrition program again and bring local schools to the facility to see what happens to make compost.

"They could come to us and see what happens when they put stuff in a compost bin and get that stuff back out," White said. "Eventually, what I would like to be able to do is take their food waste, compost it and so that the kids get that full circle."

With seeing things first hand, White says students can understand their food better.



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"It puts them more in touch with the food that they're eating when you understand how nature works," White said. "We're basically just speeding up what happens in nature."

White is working with Sodexo on a plan for the cafeterias. Marshall currently has six outdoor compost bins to be put in different areas on campus.

She hopes to change the mindset of recycling in the area.

"Recycling isn't a big deal here; it isn't something that we think about a lot," White said. "It's about education, changing the culture and changing the way we think about where our trash goes and what waste means because if we waste, we can't be sustainable."

Marshall's facility is currently the first compost facility in the state and the second largest on the east coast.

Along with getting Marshall's facility setup, White has been contacted by two universities in West Virginia, Duke University and Virginia Tech, to help them start their own facility.

"We're moving forward, and we're being progressive," said White.

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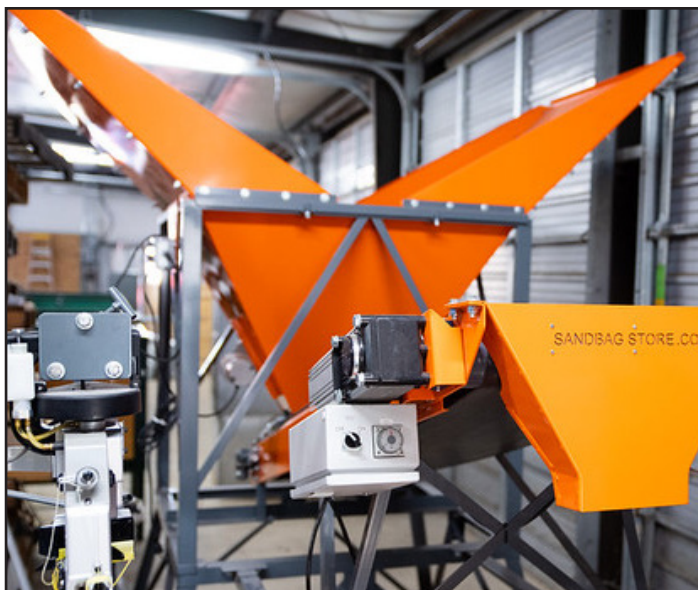


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# Charles Huff energizing Herd football into the future

By GRANT GOODRICH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Competition in everything. Elite work ethic. Positive attitude. Discipline.

These core values established by head coach Charles Huff are intended to develop the participants of the Marshall football program into champions.

"We're not working for championships," Huff said. "We're not working for a certain game. We're working to be a champion."

Introduced by athletic director Mike Hamrick and university president Jerome A. Gilbert in a press conference a week ago, Huff became the 31st head coach in Marshall football history.

"Our goal is to produce a football program that we can all be proud of," Huff said. "A program that matches the history and the tradition of this great university from top to bottom."

Growing up in the Washington DC area, a five-year-old Charles Huff dreamed of leading a college football program one day. As Huff grew into adulthood, he was inspired by a folk hero from the DC area named Byron Leftwich.

After 15 years of enhancing his coaching pedigree, Huff's 32-year-old dream of leading a college football program was realized at the same program where Leftwich cemented his legacy.

"A lot of hard work went into it," Huff said while fighting back his emotions. "A lot of people took a chance on me, and I'm going to make sure those people don't regret it."

It was Tennessee State who took the first chance on Huff, and over the next decade and a half there were a lot of other programs who gave him an opportunity. Most recently, it was the University of Alabama.

As the associate head coach and running back coach, Huff helped lead an offense that breezed by every opponent it played, averaging nearly 50 points per game.

Huff said that he will implement a lot of the same offensive schemes at Marshall, combining the RPO game and the pro-style drop back pass to stretch the field at all three levels.

"I think it puts defenses in a bind," Huff said. "It creates headaches for defensive coordinators, and it produces a fun brand of football for the players and the fans."

But scheming an offense is not the only thing he learned in his time under coaches such as Nick Saban and James Franklin; he learned how to run a program.

"I think what I've learned is the ability to sustain success," Huff said, "and the ability to sustain success is through consistency in approach, consistency in message (and) consistency in work ethic."

Because Marshall football has had recent success, Huff said that his job is not to rebuild but rather to hit the ground running with the immediate application of the things he has learned about sustainability.

"You're taking over a really good program, the expectations are high," Huff said, "but I can promise you that my expectations are higher."

Those expectations placed on Marshall football from both inside and outside of the program are the direct result of the university's tragic, inspiring history and tradition.

From the plane crash and Young Thundering Herd to



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Charles Huff speaks to the media at his introductory press conference Tuesday, Jan. 19.

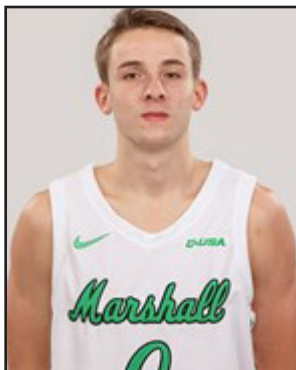
the NCAA Division 1-AA national championships in the 90s, the legacy of Marshall football is undeniably deep and storied, not only in the hallowed halls of Huntington but across a nation full of college football fans.

It is a story that "every college football fan, player, supporter knows about, understands, and has a spot in their heart for," Huff said. "For me to be able to be a part of the rebirth and continue that rebirth, I can't tell you how appreciative I am of that opportunity."

That history and tradition, Huff said, attracted him...

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## Athlete of the Week: Andrew Taylor



### ABOUT ANDREW TAYLOR:

**Position:** Guard

**Class:** Redshirt Sophomore

**Height:** 6'3

**Hometown:** Corbin, Kentucky

### PERFORMANCE:

**16 points, 10 rebounds, 3 steals**  
at FIU Game 1 (79-66 W)

**20 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists**  
at FIU Game 2 (89-72 W)

Averaging 18 points per game and 8 rebounds per game in the two-game series against Florida International over the weekend, Andrew Taylor has earned Athlete of the Week honors.

Taylor has contributed heavily on the boards this season for Marshall, and he continued that rebounding success against FIU. With 6.7 rebounds per game, he is second on

the team slightly behind Taevion Kinsey who is averaging 6.8 per game.

Taylor is averaging 10 points per game on the season which is in line with the numbers he put up last season; however, he has made a distinguishable improvement in his rebounding acumen, going from 4.6 RPG last season to 6.7 RPG so far this season. Moreover, he has grabbed 19 offensive rebounds this season compared to 12 all of last

season. His double-double against FIU on Friday was his third career double-double and second of this season.

It was also the third time he has broken the 20-point threshold in his career and the first time this year.

After getting off to a slow scoring start this season, Taylor has picked it up since returning from the winter break. Over the past four games, Taylor is averaging 15.5 points per game.



# Herd soccer star drafted



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By **GRANT GOODRICH**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Drafted in round three of the 2021 MLS SuperDraft, former Marshall winger Jamil Roberts will begin his professional soccer career at Sporting Kansas City.

"Wow. I'm still in shock," Roberts wrote in a statement on Twitter. "I'm absolutely delighted to be drafted by such an amazing club."

Taken No. 77 overall, Roberts was unable to play his senior season after fall sports at Marshall were postponed to the spring.

However, it is clear Roberts' performance in his first three seasons with the Herd were enough to impress Sporting Kansas City. In his first three years, Roberts scored 14 goals and assisted 15 others. With 10 assists and eight goals coming in the junior season alone, Roberts earned a spot on the 2019 All-Conference USA Second Team.

Roberts also helped the Herd to a 2019 Conference USA championship win and a berth in the NCAA tournament.

But before he was winning conference championships and NCAA tournament games, Roberts was

a kid from Langport, England who played for Plymouth Argyle FC's U18, and before heading to the Huntington, West Virginia, he attended Ivybridge Community College in Ivybridge, England.

Appreciative of his background, Roberts thanked his family for believing in him, saying that getting drafted was for them. He also thanked Sporting Kansas City for "taking a chance on a kid from Langport."

The 22-year-old Roberts joins a soccer club that has had a good deal of success since its founding in 1995, winning the MLS cup in 2000 and 2013 and the U.S. Open Cup in 2004, 2012, 2015 and 2017.

Roberts will be joining a competitive roster, of which he said that he will give his best effort in order to help his new team get over the top.

"I promise to always give everything for the shirt and the city," Roberts said. "I can't wait to get started."

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## OPINION

# Make America Governable Again

By Tyler Spence  
OPINION EDITOR

**Joe Biden defeated Donald Trump, now it's time we do our part.**

By all accounts, President Biden has inherited a country in utter chaos and disarray. Barely a few weeks separated his inauguration and an attempted insurrection at the capital, in addition to the still rapidly spreading coronavirus and its new and more contagious variants, and a depressed economy. To add insult to injury, the problems that plagued us before the year 2020 are still with us. The country remains divided and engulfed in a plaque of conspiracy.

There are plenty of fingers to point when searching for blame on how we got here, but to truly begin healing the nation from its underlying issues, we need fewer fingers pointing outward and more thumbs pointing inward. Many of us have let our partisanship run wild, which is only fueled by radical conspiracy theories reaching your aunt's Facebook page. If we wish that America would feel more united, follow these 3 steps to do your part.

**1. Don't distance yourself from those who disagree with you.** Distance creates distortion. If I separate myself from anyone who disagrees with me, it becomes easy to group them as individuals from the scary and dangerous "other side." Stay connected to those whose ideas are uncomfortable or even radical. Listen and understand before attempting to debunk or argue. Uniting with those who agree with us is quite straightforward, but doesn't move the needle in ending our deep divides.

**2. Forgive and reconcile with those which you have distanced.** If we truly wish to unite the nation, forgiveness isn't just a recommendation, but a life-saving antidote to the relationships between us all. Think of people in your life where



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your relationship has felt damaged due to politics in the past four years. Now is the time to forgive and to seek forgiveness. Work through the process of reconciliation, as uncomfortable as it may be.

**3. Think critically.** This nation is desperate for a rebirth of critical thinking. This means thinking about ideas that seem uncomfortable to you, questioning why you believe what you do, and watching, reading and judging media you wouldn't normally consume. Don't find yourself on an intellectual island. It's time to abandon the vain of conspiracy and begin to have faith in our system, and that both sides want the best for our country if only by taking different policy measures to get there.

Our country has a unique opportunity to rebound from a divisive leader, conquer a deadly virus and put the past four years behind us. Our options are to unite and defeat these common enemies or continue spiraling toward destruction.

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# Our Renewed Fight Against Opioid Abuse

By **PATRICK MORRISEY**  
WEST VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL



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As we enter a new year full of opportunity, I also embark upon my third term as your attorney general and do so with renewed commitment to fight against opioid abuse with more intensity than ever.

Our office has had remarkable success over the past eight years, but we know now is not the time to sit back and take it easy.

I pledge to continue our relentless fight against opioid abuse and senseless death.

The public deserves nothing less.

The West Virginia Attorney General's Office had no substance abuse fighting unit when I arrived in January 2013. Since then, our administration has had a double-digit number of employees focused on fighting this terrible scourge that has plagued our state for far too long.

Our mission is to mount a holistic approach to attack the root causes of substance abuse from a supply, demand and educational perspective.

This includes holding accountable all actors who have played a role in this public health crisis — even government agencies.

Nationally, West Virginia remains a trailblazer in fighting opioid abuse, as exemplified by our recent leadership of a broad, bipartisan coalition of 48 attorneys general in urging the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to provide data on how

the agency has used its new authority to combat opioid abuse.

Specifically, we are seeking a progress report regarding recent steps taken by the FDA to combat the opioid crisis, given the new authorities Congress granted the agency in 2018. Those provisions, within the SUPPORT Act of 2018, include safer opioid packaging and disposal features, development of new, non-addictive alternatives to opioids and guidelines for opioid prescribing.

As the chief legal officers of our respective states, our group of attorneys general believes the FDA plays a critical role in ensuring both the safety and efficacy of opioids and encouraging non-addictive, non-opioid alternatives for treating pain.

This isn't the first time our office has taken the lead.

Many of these same states and territories supported a West Virginia-led effort in 2017 asking health insurance companies to review and revise their payment and coverage policies to prioritize non-opioid pain management options for treatment of chronic, non-cancer pain.

This past year, our office opened a new front on enforcement and, separately, released findings of our years-long investigation into the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's irresponsible approach to drug quotas.

This shocking report revealed never-before-seen documents showing that the DEA routinely accepted sales projections and unsupported claims of increased demand from drugmakers,

yet failed to question how many pills fell into the hands of abusers as overdose deaths skyrocketed from 2010 to 2016.

In 2020, we also stood against opioid abuse by filing suit against four national chain distributors, alleging each knowingly distributed more opioid pills to its pharmacies than was medically necessary.

The year before that, we filed lawsuits against five major drug manufacturers.

Since January 2016, our office has secured more than \$84 million in settlements with 13 opioid distributors — all combined, the largest pharmaceutical settlements of any kind in state history.

As COVID-19 wanes after an unprecedented year, we also look forward to resuming our broad prevention efforts. Through these initiatives, we hope to prevent future addiction by educating students, athletes, local leaders, faith-based groups and the community at large as to the dangers of opioid painkillers and the advantages to non-opioid alternatives.

We want to remain as aggressive and effective as any attorney general's office in the nation in combating the opioid epidemic.

We must now build upon that foundation and achieve even more.

We must — and will — continue the fight into 2021 and beyond with hopes to eradicate senseless death and help West Virginia reach her full potential.

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# Parthe-Pet

Maggie is six pounds of fun and energy. When she's not barking and chasing her 120-pound dog brother, she enjoys naps on the couch and quality time with her favorite toys. Maggie loves to steal socks and hide them under the couch but she hates walking on a leash. She celebrates her three-month birthday this week by getting a new squeaky



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## CAKES cont. from 5

...other businesses or posting about each other [on social media]." Peaks said.

Peaks said that the shop's engagement with the Huntington community includes the Marshall University campus.

"We have a lot of Marshall students who come in."

Peaks said. She said the shop often helps students in the journalism school needing a business to talk to.

"A lot of students ask to volunteer and to help with things like advertising."

Peaks said.

Paula Vega Cakes and Coffee Shop is located at 308

9th St, Huntington, WV 25701.

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## EXHIBITION cont. from 2

Marcum seemed particularly shocked that his piece was included in this year's exhibition.

"I don't really feel like my stuff plays in the realm of art," Marcum said. "It's furniture so it's more functional, and when you think of art you think of pictures hanging on a wall."

Marcum said that despite

his surprise at being selected, he's very proud of his work. The mid-century modern cabinet that he submitted is what he considers one of his more cohesive pieces.

"They have to be functional," Marcum said. "I like my pieces to be simple because if the lines are all over the place or they're too

distracting, it detracts from the piece."

A virtual reception for the exhibition will be held on January 28th at 5:30 p.m. and is open to all who wish to attend.

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## FRESHMEN cont. from 2

"Obviously, these rules and restrictions are put into place for safety reasons," Herrenkohl said, "but I feel like it takes away a lot from the college experience and how much fun the dorms could have been."

Marshall first-year students who consented to an interview agreed the University is taking the proper precautions but are hoping to return to normalcy soon.

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## PRO BONO cont. from 3

while we're learning the skills in the classroom. It's made us more well-rounded and better prepared for when we're out on our own."

"It's helped remind us of why we chose physical therapy. We've been able to step back and see physical therapy as a whole and kind of shape who we want to be as clinicians in the future," said Workman.

The program is open for students and community members without insurance benefits or who have already used their benefits up.

The program is located in Gullickson Hall and is open on Wednesdays from 5 pm-7 pm and Fridays between 2 pm to 4 pm.

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## HUFF cont. from 6

...to Marshall, but the alignment of all things – the job structure, his career path, the passion of the fan base, the meshing of his personality – is what made it “an easy choice.”

“This community is screaming for energy, enthusiasm and getting this program back to the days that we all know,” Huff said.

A large component in achieving that goal is with the players, both current and future.

Huff said that through his own experiences as a player he can relate to the circumstances of every player.

“I’ve been a walk-on. I’ve earned a scholarship. I was a backup. I was a starter. I played only special teams. I’ve

moved positions ... I’ve been through coaching changes,” Huff said. “I’ve been every player in that locker room.”

Huff said he hopes that will allow him to connect with the current players in the locker room and build a relationship that allows him to impact their lives.

First and foremost, Huff said it his and the program’s mission to help players become better as people. “We want high character individuals in our program,” he said.

Then, he wants his players to succeed as students before they achieve success as athletes.

“We want to use all the resources here at the university to give all our players the best chance to be successful on and off the field,” Huff said.

Success in developing and instilling that culture within his program and players goes back to the aforementioned core values, and the core value that separates the great programs and most successful people from the rest, Huff said, is discipline.

“You got to make the conscience effort every day to make the right choices and decisions to chase the goals that you have set for you,” Huff said.

With a purposeful, permeable process established, the look of the team on the field will begin to fall into place, but what will the product on the field look like?

“We’re going to be the fastest, physical, most aggressive football program in the country,” Huff said. “We want

other teams saying at the end of the game, ‘I hate playing that team. I hate playing them ... They play with a focus and intensity for 60 minutes that I can’t match.’”


But to get that point, it will not be easy, Huff said; but with unity, it is attainable.

“Everybody’s going to have to be all-in,” he said. “It’s not just me and my staff and the players ... we need everybody pulling the rope in the same direction.”

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# History professor launches COVID-19 podcast

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THE PARTHENON

With limited research in West Virginia, Marshall University history professor, Chris White, created a new podcast discussing COVID-19 with professionals in the Mountain State.

"I definitely felt like I wasn't the best person for the job, but I also felt like a podcast is a good way of providing access for other people to explain in more depth," White said. "In the beginning of the pandemic, I really felt kind of helpless and didn't imagine there was some way I could volunteer."

White refers to the podcast, "COVID in West Virginia Podcast with Chris White," as a "public service podcast, to provide a forum to people in West Virginia to share their experiences of what it has been like to fight the COVID pandemic."

With eight episodes in less than three weeks, White plans to produce more content while the number of vaccinations and COVID cases rise in the country.

"It seems like many Americans – not most – but many are not taking the pandemic seriously and



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believe it is an infringement on their freedom to wear masks and socially distance," White said. "The effort to normalize the pandemic is so we don't panic. There are still many other viruses that can infect us, and it is up to us to prevent them from arising to begin with."

Since the pandemic became heavily widespread last March, White has read several books explain-

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—*Chris White*

ing the history of pandemics, which inspired him to create a "Path to COVID" course at Marshall University. He is also writing a book, "Appalachian Epidemics", with Appalachian and West Virginia History professor, Kevin Barksdale.

White said because of the limited number of books on epidemics, specifically in Appalachia, he asked writers and reporters to collect new research on the topic, gathering 19 authors to help with the publication of the book.

"Chris is reaching out to all the stakeholders in this process and trying to show West Virginians what is going on," Barksdale said. "I think it will

add nuance to what is really a complicated story that we will be writing about for a long time."

White said his "dream interviewee" for the podcast would be Director of Nursing at Cabell-Huntington Health Department, Kathleen Napier, because "she is considered to be one of the most qualified people, as a nurse, in public health."

Although White plans to continue the podcast along with other topics relevant in West Virginia, the history professor said he hopes that in six months the podcast "won't be as important" and that 50 to 60 percent of the American public will be vaccinated.

"COVID in West Virginia Podcast with Chris White" is available on Spotify, Stitcher and Apple Podcasts.

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