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The Newsletter for Marshall University

March 31, 2021

University announces vaccines for students

MARCH 31, 2021

University health and safety officials have collaborated with the Cabell-Huntington Health Department to make free COVID-19 vaccinations available to Marshall students through clinics in Cabell County.

Walk-ups are welcome. **No appointment is necessary.**

Marshall students have the following two clinic options, starting tomorrow, Wednesday, March 31.

- **St. Mary's Education Center** (tents in parking lot on the east end of the center), 2853 5th Ave., Huntington **When:** Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or until the daily vaccine supply runs out
Need transportation? Ride to and from this clinic free on the Marshall University/Tri-State Transit Authority [Green Machine](#) bus. The bus will run in 30-minute loops from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information about routes, visit the [TTA website](#), download [RouteShout V2](#) or call 304-529-RIDE (7433). When you board the bus, be sure to tell the driver you are going to the vaccination clinic.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Center** (former Sears location on the south end of the Huntington Mall), 500 Mall Rd. & I-64, Barboursville **When:** Tuesdays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or until the daily vaccine supply runs out
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Please address questions to COVID19@marshall.edu.

Marshall and Mountwest celebrate groundbreaking for joint aviation maintenance program

MARCH 31, 2021



Officials with Marshall University and Mountwest Community & Technical College, along with the Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI), today ceremonially broke ground at Huntington Tri-State Airport for their joint Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) program.

Facilities construction for the new program includes renovations to an

existing hangar, as well as a makeover for an old armory at Tri-State that will house laboratory and classroom space. Total renovation cost is \$2.7 million.

Today's event was attended by federal, state and local officials, as well as aviation industry partners including Delta Air Lines, which announced the program would receive Delta Education support.

Currently under review by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Higher Learning Commission, the program is set to welcome students in spring 2022 and will feature hands-on instruction for a career field that is forecast to grow at a high rate in coming years.

"Today is an exciting day for Marshall University and our region," said Dr. Jerome A. Gilbert, president of Marshall. "This incredible collaboration, involving multiple partners, has allowed the AMT program to take flight. Marshall is proud to participate in relationships that work across the economic spectrum and lead to opportunities for our great state and the entire region. I also want to thank Mike Sellards for his leadership at Mountwest throughout this process."

Thought to be the first of its kind in West Virginia, the joint program between Marshall and Mountwest will educate students in 18-24 months and include opportunities to earn FAA certifications.

Michael Sellards, interim president of Mountwest, said he is looking forward to the program opening.

"Mountwest will enroll the students, provide financial aid opportunities, and lend student advising and academic support while working directly with Marshall University on student success," Sellards said.

Charlotte Weber, RCBI director and CEO and vice president for federal programs at Marshall, said the process of navigating industry standards and working with federal and state agencies has culminated in what is expected to be a premier program.

“Marshall and Mountwest have truly worked with dozens of partners and agencies to make this program a reality,” Weber said. “We have a few more final details to work out but are focused on opening the doors in just about a year.”

The program’s curriculum will include traditional lectures as well as hands-on instruction at Tri-State Airport, where airport director Brent Brown says the affiliation with the AMT program will serve as a catalyst for future aviation development.

“I’m hopeful the location of the aviation maintenance program here at Tri-State will pave the way for other companies to position their operations here,” Brown said.

The partnership in aviation maintenance is just one of Marshall’s newest programs in aviation. A four-year degree, educating and training pilots for fixed-wing aircraft, is moving forward in cooperation with Yeager Airport in Charleston.

Marshall, West Virginia University to establish statewide infection prevention network

MARCH 31, 2021

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) has awarded grants to the schools of medicine at both Marshall University and West Virginia University (WVU) to facilitate the creation of a statewide infection prevention network.

Led by infectious disease experts at both institutions, the two-year, \$1 million project will foster partnerships among academic medical centers and schools of public health to develop regional centers for infection prevention and control consultation and support services. The network will also build expertise in infection prevention and control throughout the state by creating training curriculums for epidemiologists and a variety of health care personnel related to infectious disease and epidemiology.

“With a focus on infection prevention, this project will further enable the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and its valuable partners to promote the health and well-being of our residents,” said Dr. Ayne Amjad, state health officer and Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Public Health. “As a state, we must help our health care facilities implement infection control protocols and

procedures that work to stop the spread of infectious disease and protect every patient, in every activity, during every health care interaction.”

Other major components of the network include:

- creating a team of experts to support infection prevention and control in health care settings, starting with long-term care facilities.
- working closely with local health departments to provide education and support for infection prevention and control.
- conducting a learning needs assessment of the health care workforce.
- developing training/learning platforms to deliver free infection prevention education.

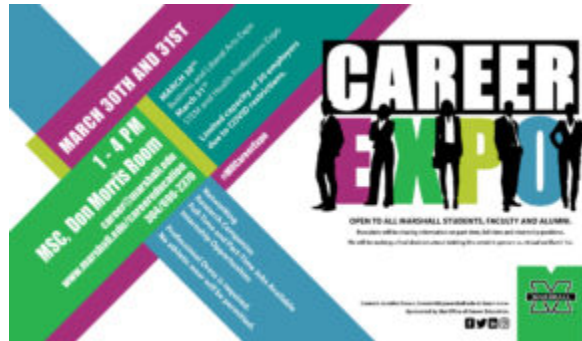
“The unparalleled challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic have highlighted the importance of infection prevention as a necessary measure of public health safety,” said [Peimei He, M.D.](#), an assistant professor of infectious disease at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and the principal investigator at Marshall for the project. “As infectious disease clinicians, we champion this crucial cause and a collaborative initiative that will make evidence-based infection prevention education and resources in infection prevention accessible throughout West Virginia.”

In addition to promoting patient safety, West Virginia will benefit from increased knowledge and awareness for infection prevention and control; improved access to training and infection prevention experts; and increased number of training opportunities on a variety of platforms.

“West Virginia University, in collaboration with DHHR, has spearheaded the COVID-19 response in West Virginia, including the vaccination program,” said [Shipra Gupta, M.D.](#), assistant professor of pediatrics specializing in pediatric infectious diseases at WVU School of Medicine and WVU’s principal investigator for the project. “The statewide infection control network will provide wide access to infectious disease consultants with expertise in infection control and prevention. We envision this will support and guide practices in organizations especially long-term care facilities that are not affiliated with an academic center. In coordination with local health departments and epidemiologists, the network will strengthen and support infrastructure for surveillance of emerging pathogens as well as continue education and training, so we are prepared to tackle infection outbreaks.”

Career Expo continues this afternoon

MARCH 31, 2021



The Marshall University Office of Career Education continues its career expo this afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. on the Huntington campus. The event will take place in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The session on Wednesday, March 31, will be for those interested in STEM and health professions careers.

Students are encouraged to prepare for this event like any other recruiting event, especially by researching the employers who will attend. The Office of Career Education will happily help create your game plan for success. Registration is required.

“Students are encouraged to dress professionally and come prepared with multiple copies of their resumes,” said Cris McDavid, director of the Office of Career Education. “Even if students are not looking for a job, attending the expo presents an excellent networking opportunity.”

The expo is open to all Marshall students, faculty and alumni. Recruiters will be sharing information on part-time, full-time and internship positions. Registration is required by visiting www.marshall.edu/careereducation.

For more information contact Jennifer Brown, Marshall University Office of Career Education assistant director of student engagement and marketing, by e-mail at brown346@marshall.edu.

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MARCH 24, 2021

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In Memoriam: Dr. Paul W. Whear

MARCH 31, 2021

Current and former faculty members and students from Marshall's School of Music mourn the loss of Professor Emeritus Dr. Paul W. Whear (left), a renowned composer and professor of music theory and composition, who passed away last week at the age of 95.

He retired from Marshall about 30 years ago, having directed the University Orchestra and being the founding conductor of the Huntington Symphony Orchestra.

“He was a terrific teacher and a great conductor,” said colleague Dr. Don Williams, also a professor emeritus at Marshall. “His music is in the Library of Congress. At one time, he was an active composer and his work was known worldwide.”

Dr. Wendell Dobbs, interim dean of the College of Arts and Media, performed under Whear in the Huntington Chamber Orchestra, the predecessor of the Huntington Symphony Orchestra. “We performed many, many times at the Huntington Museum of Art (then Huntington Galleries) to very appreciative audiences,” Dobbs said. “In 1999, Paul composed his Celtic Concerto for solo flute and orchestra. I premiered this work with the Huntington Symphony Orchestra. It’s a wonderful work. Paul knew I was a great lover of Irish traditional music, so I was thrilled to get to perform as the soloist.”

Whear is survived by two grown children, Cynthia Whear, who has worked as an occupational therapist in Baltimore, and Dr. Allen Whear, a performing cellist and music professor who has split time between the United States and Canada.



As a composer, Whear won several prizes and distinctions, including a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and the [ASCAP](#) Award. His compositions have been performed by the London Symphony Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Cleveland Philharmonic, the U.S. Navy Band and many others. He was also a National Patron of Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity.

His work, “The Chief Justice,” was performed by Marshall’s Department of Music at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in 1976 as part of the U.S. bicentennial observance.

Photo: Dr. Paul Whear (highlighted) bows to the audience after the performance of “The Chief Justice” at the Kennedy Center in 1976.

PEIA announces open enrollment for Plan Year 2022 from April 2-May 15, 2021

MARCH 31, 2021



During this time, you may make changes to your health plan, add, drop or change coverage for yourself and your dependents without a qualifying event, and make changes to your Mountaineer Flexible Benefits, if applicable.

Policyholders will receive a Shopper's Guide in the mail that provides information you need about the health coverage PEIA offers. If you do not find your answers in the Shopper's Guide, you may visit one of the benefit fairs (locations and times below). There will be representatives from PEIA, UMR, The Health Plan, Securian Financial (Minnesota Life), Mountaineer Flexible Benefits, Humana and iSelectMD to answer questions you may have. Come out and learn more about your benefits, and the new programs available to you!

For more information, please view the [PEIA Open Enrollment Resources](#) on Human Resources Website. Schedule for call-in benefits fairs:

DATE and TIME

CALL IN INFORMATION

Tuesday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Call-In Phone No.: 304-410-0513
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Conference will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m.
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Thursday, April 15 at 10:00 a.m.

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Monday, April 19 at 4:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 4 at 5:00 p.m.

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Conference will begin promptly at 5 p.m.

MURC Center of Excellence for Recovery to hold free Spring Prevention Virtual Conference

MARCH 31, 2021



The Marshall University Research Corporation is partnering with several statewide organizations to empower college student leaders in ten southern West Virginia institutions of higher education with skills to assist their campuses and communities in preventing unhealthy use of substances. The Spring Prevention Conference to be held on Friday April 2, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm virtually, will be the public kickoff event for student leaders that will also

provide prevention skills and strategies for higher education faculty and staff, community coalition members and other prevention professionals working to address substance use prevention with young adults.

The conference is made possible through Marshall’s Collegiate Strategic Prevention Framework Partnership for Success (C-SPF-PFS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant with support of partners including the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (WVHEPC), West Virginia Bureau for Behavioral Health, West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network, West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy, West Virginia Collegiate Initiative to Address High Risk Substance Use, and the West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute.

“We at the Higher Education Policy Commission are thrilled to support this conference and help extend it to faculty, staff and students at colleges and universities across the state,” said Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker, West Virginia’s chancellor for higher education. “I’m looking forward to being part of this event, and I’m grateful for the opportunity to increase momentum around the prevention of substance misuse in our college communities and to increase support for mental and behavioral health on our campuses.”

Heather McDonnell-Stalnaker is the C-SPF Project Director at MURC Center of Excellence for Recovery. The conference will address social determinants of health and how those factors affect prevention work with the first keynote speaker, Dr. Dawn Thomas.

The afternoon keynote speaker, Dr. Mary Roary. from SAMHSA, will be discussing her new role as the director of the Office of Behavioral Health Equity, as well as looking at “Culture as a Risk/Protective Factor of Behavioral Health.”

“I feel that this conference will promote the idea of prevention with intention and the importance of examining how health disparities impact prevention work,” Stalnaker said.

Susie Mullens is the program coordinator for the West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network.

“Prevention is a critical part of the continuum we need to offer on our campuses and in our communities,” Mullens said. “Recovery support is an essential factor to build recovery capital and prevent a return to use. We are thrilled to be part of the conversation about the intersection of prevention and recovery.”

The goals for the Spring Prevention Virtual Conference are to increase the participants’ knowledge about prevention’s role in addressing health disparities; provide participants with a framework to addressing prevention with young adults; and increase participants’ prevention skills.

To register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-prevention-conference-tickets-145112843421>.

The C-SPF-PFS is funded through SAMHSA PFS grant. For more information about the C-SPF-PFS, please visit <https://www.marshall.edu/coefr/c-spf-pfs/>. For more information about speakers, sessions, or registration for the Spring Prevention Virtual Conference visit www.MUPrevention.org.

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MARCH 31, 2021



The Spring 2021 Online Learning newsletter is now available! Learn about distance education course definitions, updates to Blackboard tools, and read notes from OLL administrators.

Read it online

at https://issuu.com/marshalluniversity/docs/onlinelearninglookbook_spring2021.

United Way organizers receive service award

MARCH 31, 2021



Marshall's 2020 United Way Workplace Campaign Committee has received the Campaign Service Award from United Way of the River Cities for the committee's success during its 2020 campaign. The award was

The university raised \$28,933.92 for United Way during its 2020 Workplace Campaign, exceeding its goal by almost \$9,000 and raising its largest amount since 2014. Campaign members' efforts involved organizing two successful online auctions, an online dessert auction and an online specialty item auction. Efforts were led by Committee Chair Dr.

Gayle Brazeau, dean of the Marshall University School of Pharmacy.

According to United Way of the River Cities, this new award is given to a deserving person or campaign committee that goes above and beyond to give great service to their campaign(s).

Congratulations to all the Marshall committee members involved in this campaign, and thank you to all members of the Marshall family who chose to contribute during such trying financial times. Your efforts are appreciated.

Photo: Dr. Gayle Brazeau, dean of the School of Pharmacy (second from left) receives the Campaign Service award from Carol Bailey, executive director of United Way of the River Cities. Also participating in the presentation were Leah Payne, Marshall's director of communications (left); and William "Tootie" Carter (third from right), business manager of the Memorial Student Center; Jean Hardiman (second from right), university relations specialist in University Communications; and Bill Rosenberger, director of resource development for United Way of the River Cities.



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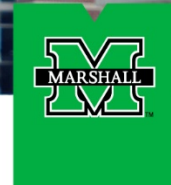
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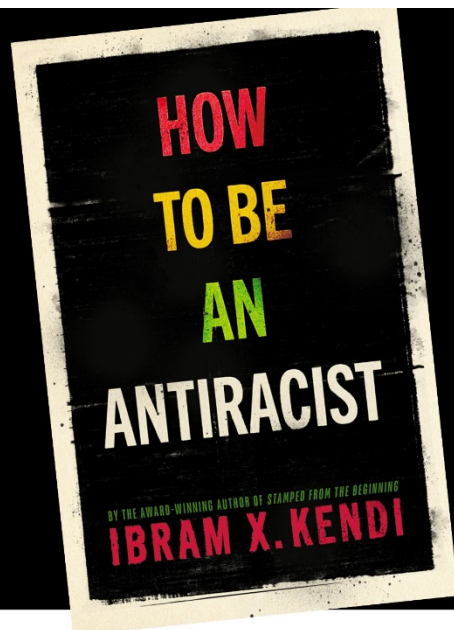
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PsyD students receive internship placements in preparation for earning their doctorates

MARCH 31, 2021

Marshall's Department of Psychology and Psy.D. program have announced the placement of their 15 doctoral students in their pre-doctoral internship sites. As required, the students will work full time for a year providing mental health services at their respective sites.

Placement in pre-doctoral internship slots is a competitive process, with almost 4,000 people all over the country applying for pre-doctoral internships this year.

“This requirement is similar to a physician doing a residency,” said Dr. Keith Beard, director of the Psy.D. program. “Many times, our students are gaining specialized training at their internship sites. The fact that we had 100% of our students match to an internship site speaks to our training program and the quality of our students. It is an accomplishment that is impressive and one of which Marshall can be proud.”

These internships are typically the last requirement for students before being awarded doctorates in clinical psychology.

Here are the Psy.D. students and their pre-doctoral internship placements:

- Jake Bass — Miami University Student Counseling Service, Oxford, Ohio.
- Casey Collins — Lexington VA Health Care System, Lexington, Kentucky.
- Casey Jo Cottrill — Charleston Area Medical Center/West Virginia University, Charleston, West Virginia.
- Josh Demakovsky — Miami University Student Counseling Service, Oxford, Ohio.
- Heather Headley — Federal Correctional Complex-Petersburg, Petersburg, Virginia.
- Destiny Hoffman — Rose Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pennsylvania.
- Thomas Holland — Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surg Ctr/Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas.
- Kasey Kessler — Martinsburg VA Medical Center, Martinsburg, West Virginia.
- Megan Kincaid — Cherokee Health Systems, Seymour, Tennessee.
- Sarah Kunkel — Valley Health Systems, Huntington, West Virginia.
- Mikayla Larzo — Charles George (Asheville) VA Medical Center, Asheville, North Carolina.
- Megan Lawhon — High Plains Psychology Internship Consortium, Greeley, Colorado.
- Kaitlin May — Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio.
- John McAulay — Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Huntington, West Virginia.
- Christa Morton — West Virginia University Medicine: University Healthcare, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

The Psy.D. program accepted its first class in 2002 and was granted accreditation by the American Psychological Association in 2006. The Psy.D. program is one of the few programs in the country that focuses on training psychologists to work with rural populations.

For more information, contact Beard by e-mail at beard@marshall.edu or visit <https://www.marshall.edu/psych/programs/psyd-program/>.

Computer science graduate student wins national Student Research Competition sponsored by Microsoft

MARCH 31, 2021



Marshall graduate student Vishwanshi Joshi, a student in Marshall's Department of Computer Sciences and Electrical Engineering, was named a winner of the Special Interest Group on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE) Student Research Competition (SRC) 2021, hosted by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and Microsoft.

The ACM Student Research Competition, which is supported by Microsoft, offers a forum for students to present their original research. Joshi submitted her research paper, titled "U-Net-based Active Learning Framework for

Enhancing Cancer Immunotherapy" to the competition last fall, and her paper was accepted in November 2020. She was invited to present her work in a poster competition in the first round earlier this year, and then was invited to present her work in a 10-minute presentation in the second round in March. As one of the chosen winners, her paper will be published in the proceedings of the ACM SIGCSE 2021.

Joshi's current work for her thesis concentrates on effective processing of whole slide images. She said she believes that her background in computer science will enable her to independently study many real-world problems and devise solutions.

"It is a great honor for me to receive the award," Joshi said. "This is my first award in the field of computer science, and I am enamored that I have received it from the SIGCSE competition. I consider the award to be the most important due to the number of participants and judges that are a part of this conference.

"I would like to thank my professor Dr. Sanghoon Lee, whose guidance and support helped me shape the research and provided me the vast pool of resources. The judges of the competition helped me broaden the horizon of the research with insightful questions. I am also very thankful to my family and friends who believed I can do it."

Business students take home honors from international collegiate competition

MARCH 31, 2021



A team of students from Marshall took third place honors at the International Collegiate Business Skills Championships in the associate division at the 76th Annual Society for Advancement of Management International Business Conference. Also, Marshall freshman Jamison Lewis earned third place in the Business Knowledge Bowl competition.

This annual series of competitions, reaching back over 40 years, is organized by the Society for Advancement of Management and provides an opportunity for students to showcase existing skills and further develop fundamental skills for business success.

“The business faculty and I are extremely proud of our students’ accomplishments during this year’s SAM conference and competition because they have utilized the skills and talent they have developed while as students in the Brad D. Smith Schools of Business,” said Dr. Avi Mukherjee, dean of the Lewis College of Business at Marshall.

Students compete in five business competitions designed to engage them in the application and practice of classroom learning to real-world challenges. The International Collegiate Business Skills Championships (ICBSCP) is composed of five events: the Extemporaneous Speech, Business Knowledge Bowl, Business Pitch, Written Case Study and Presentation Case Study Competitions. Teams are scored by Academic and Industry Professionals that have real-world experience in leadership and management.

“SAM is an avenue that paves the way for students to become lifelong learners and successful professionals,” said Kelly Leonard, an M.B.A. student at Marshall. “I am grateful for SAM and the networking and professional development opportunities it provides students like myself. I am inspired and enthusiastic for the future of SAM and witnessing the successes of students affiliated with this valuable organization.”

The Marshall team took third place, in Team Overall Achievement, with the New England Institute of Technology earning first place and the University of South Carolina — Sumter earning second place.

“The SAM 2021 International Business Conference was a great, beneficial experience for me,” Lewis said. “I am especially proud to have won third place overall in the Knowledge Bowl with the highest overall score in the Super Quiz qualifier round, particularly as a freshman. This was my first-ever victory at a national business conference, as well as my seventh time placing in business competitions over the past three and a half years. I look forward to representing Marshall University SAM at future conferences.”

The annual series of competitions is “an overwhelmingly positive experience for all of our collegiate competitors,” said Dr. Sandi Zeljko, SAM vice president of special projects. “This year, the entries reflected a variety of dynamic approaches to solving our case challenge and some very exciting business pitch ideas. We are delighted with the results of the competition and will continue to provide this amazing opportunity to recognize the outstanding efforts from our competitors and the institutions that have imparted the wisdom so many of these students have displayed.”

The Society for Advancement of Management is the world’s oldest management society, formed in 1912 to provide a place for discussion and promotion of Frederick Winslow Taylor’s principles of scientific management. It is a nonprofit organization run and advanced by hundreds of volunteers. Its members come from a variety of disciplines— productions, finance, marketing, accounting, research and development, entrepreneurship—but share a common bond of interest in becoming stronger managers. SAM builds bridges among academicians, practitioners and students not only to better share management expertise but also to develop and promote new management ideas.

The Lewis College of Business at Marshall University is among the 1% of the world’s 13,000 business programs that are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) for both business and accounting programs. For more information about Marshall University’s Lewis College of Business and Brad D. Smith Schools of Business, visit www.marshall.edu/cob.

For more information about the Marshall University SAM chapter, contact the chapter advisor, Glen Midkiff, by e-mail at midkiff2@marshall.edu, or the faculty advisor, Dr. Marc Sollosy, at sollosy@marshall.edu.

Marshall designated as voter friendly campus

MARCH 31, 2021



Marshall has been designated as a “Voter Friendly Campus” by the Fair Elections Center’s [Campus Vote Project](#) (CVP) and the [National Association of Student Personnel Administrators](#) (NASPA). Marshall is one of 321 schools nationwide and one of two schools in West Virginia to have achieved this designation as part of an initiative led by these national nonpartisan organizations. The designation is valid through December 2022.

“Thanks to a dedicated team comprised of folks from Student Affairs, the College of Education and Professional Development, University Libraries and Online Learning, the John Deaver Drinko Academy, University Communications and the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, we were able to showcase the amazing work that folks

at Marshall have been doing for years,” said Dr. Kelli Johnson, associate university librarian at Marshall. “We are dedicated to the belief that voting matters and are so proud of our students, faculty and staff for their commitment to the democratic process.”

Campuses were evaluated on the ability to complete a three-step process including writing a campus plan to engage student voters in 2020, facilitating voter education and engagement efforts on campus, and writing a final analysis on those efforts.

“This year brought incredible challenges to the many professionals on campuses who are dedicated to encouraging and increasing student civic engagement,” said NASPA President Kevin Kruger. “We are thrilled that in spite of these challenges, a record number of campuses are being honored this year with the Voter Friendly Campus designation. The completion of the Voter Friendly Campus designation process speaks to the unwavering commitment of campus administrators who ensure students are educated about, have access to and ultimately are empowered to have their voices heard in the democratic process.”

For more information about Marshall’s efforts visit www.marshall.edu/herdvotes. To learn more about the Voter Friendly Campus initiative, visit www.voterfriendlycampus.org.

Coronavirus Statistics:

New Cases Since March 17, 2021

Students: 21

Faculty: 0

Staff*: 0

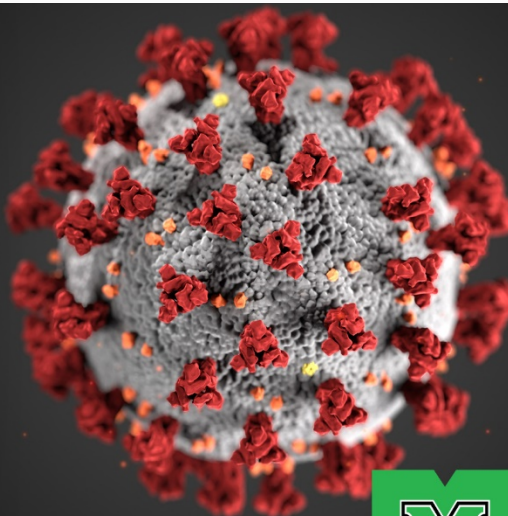
** Includes auxiliary employees (Sodexo, Aetna, Rec Center, etc.)*

All testing is being done in partnership with Marshall Health, Cabell Huntington Hospital, Pleasant Valley Hospital, QLabs Inc. and MedExpress Urgent Care.

The most recent information is always available at www.marshall.edu/coronavirus/dashboard.

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