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WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

Aug. 11, 2021

University issues new mask guidelines effective today

AUGUST 11, 2021

Due to the increasing prevalence of cases of COVID-19, including the Delta variant, in our region, Marshall is revising its masking guidelines.

Beginning this Wednesday, Aug. 11, masks are required for everyone in all indoor spaces on university property, *regardless of vaccination status*. Instructors can choose to teach either while wearing a mask/face shield or while standing behind the plexiglass barrier in the classroom.

Masks *are not required* in private residence hall rooms or personal office space.

The following guidelines will be in place at the beginning of the semester and may be modified as circumstances change:

- Marshall does not require the COVID-19 vaccine; however, it is strongly encouraged. **Students enrolled for the fall 2021 semester *and* employees should submit their current vaccine status in the [online Vaccination Registry](#)** to help university officials gauge whether or not herd immunity has been reached on campus. The registry offers several possible responses, including an option to not disclose vaccine status.
- **We will be testing all unvaccinated individuals—employees and students—throughout the semester.** Our goal is to test every unvaccinated person once a week, as feasible. Vaccinated students and employees are exempt from testing requirements unless requested as part of contact tracing protocols.
- The university is returning to its **regular [academic calendar](#)** for fall 2021.
- **All students must sign an [agreement](#)** to comply with public health expectations and all policies and guidelines.
- **Protocols are in place for case management**, quarantine/self-isolation and contact tracing of all cases at the university. If you are exposed, you will not required to quarantine if you have been fully vaccinated against the disease and show no symptoms.

- **Cleaning and disinfection of facilities is done in accordance with protocols** recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, using Environmental Protection Agency-approved products effective against the COVID-19 virus.
- **University-sponsored travel (domestic and international) continues to be restricted for both students and employees.** All international travel must be registered in advance using the online [International Travel Registration Form](#).

More information about fall 2021 protocols will be available on the university's [coronavirus website](#) in the coming days.

Marshall opens Bill Noe Flight School at Yeager Airport

AUGUST 11, 2021



Amid the noise and bustling activity of a busy Yeager Airport, Marshall University marked the official opening of the Bill Noe Flight School in Charleston yesterday.

Attended by federal, state and local officials, education executives, incoming aviation students, airline industry representatives and area residents, University President Jerome A. Gilbert and more than a dozen others cut the ribbon for the Maier Aviation Building and a 12,000-square-foot hangar located on Eagle Mountain Road.

“Back in 2017, shortly after I arrived at Marshall, the idea of developing an aviation initiative began to come together,” Gilbert said. “It was the vision of a lot of people who

knew its potential for our region. Today, we are celebrating this incredible achievement that is the product

of successful partnerships with many individuals, companies and organizations. This dream of creating a flight school for Marshall is realized today.”

The flight school will welcome at least 20 students in its inaugural class, which is set to begin in two weeks. Additional students are already in the admissions pipeline and are expected to join the class. Students will earn a four-year *Commercial Pilot: Fixed Wing Bachelor of Science degree. The ground and flight courses also will lead to a series of FAA certifications, preparing graduates to become commercial pilots of single and multi-engine aircraft.

Marshall’s fleet, custom designed and painted with Marshall’s trademark Kelly green, will include up to nine Cirrus SR-20 planes which will be the mainstay of the program. It’s expected a Piper Cherokee twin-engine plane will also be purchased.

Bill Noe, for whom the flight school is named, is a highly respected aviation expert and serves as executive aviation specialist for Marshall’s aviation program.

“Today is a great day for Marshall, our communities, the state of West Virginia and the aviation industry,” Noe said. “We will produce skilled pilots for the local, regional, national and global levels. Congratulations to all as we launch the ‘Herd’ into the atmosphere.”

Noe, a Huntington native and Marshall graduate, is the former chief operating officer of NetJets, a Columbus, Ohio-based company geared to meeting private air travel needs.

The area occupied by the flight school is leased by Yeager Airport and consists of 180,000 square feet of space on the airport’s airfield. There are two buildings: the Maier facility, measuring approximately 10,000 square feet, and the hangar, which is approximately 12,000 square feet.

“This space where we are was formerly used as a runway and then it was turned into a taxiway,” said Nick Keller, director and CEO of Yeager Airport. “Now, we are going to use this space to create a very important economic boost to this region.”

Recent studies project that there will be a requirement for more than 10,000 new pilots in the United State per year for the next twenty years. At its peak, Marshall will graduate 50 pilots a year with a total enrollment of 200 students at the Charleston location.

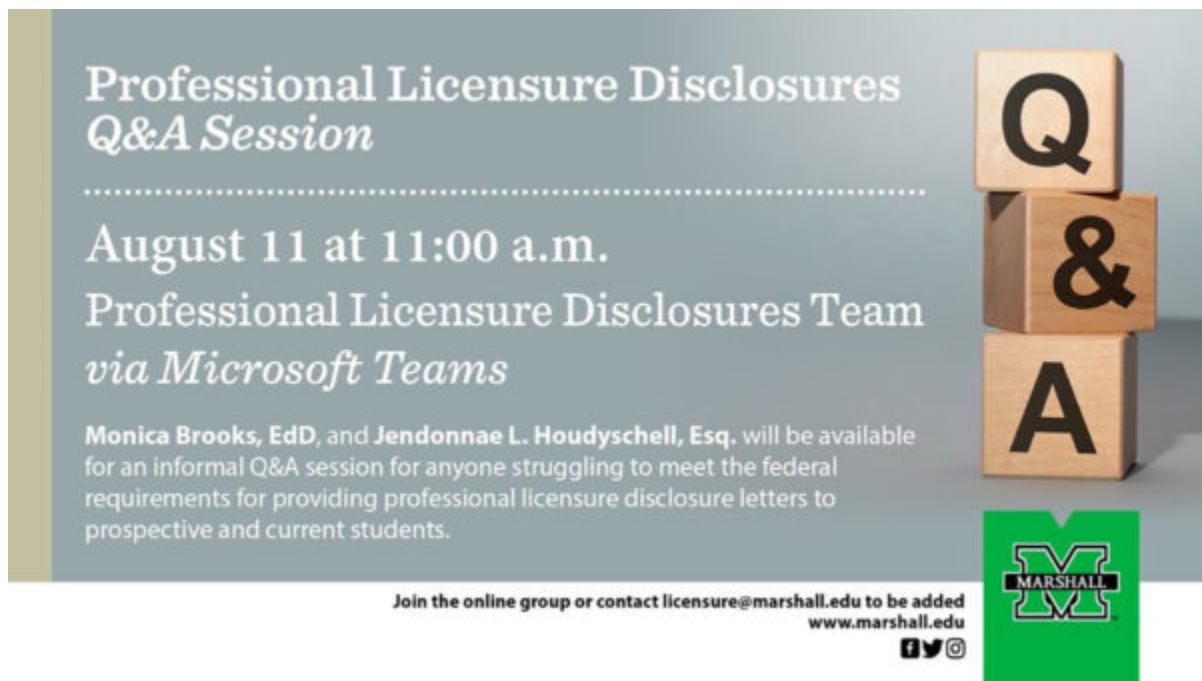
The building project was completed in about 12 months, despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Project partners included: L.R. Kimball (architects); Paramount Builders (contractors); Valley Gardens (landscaping); and Paris Signs (signage).

For more information about the flight school, visit www.marshall.edu/aviation.

In addition to its flight school in Charleston, Marshall is also partnering with Mountwest Community and Technical College on a two-year aviation maintenance degree which will be housed at Tri-State Airport in Wayne County. A spring 2022 start date is projected for the program.

*The Commercial Pilot – Fixed Wing program is not eligible for Veterans Affairs benefits at this time.

Photo: President Gilbert (left) cuts the ribbon with Bill Noe for the Bill Noe Flight School.







Professional Licensure Disclosures
Q&A Session

August 11 at 11:00 a.m.
Professional Licensure Disclosures Team
via Microsoft Teams

Monica Brooks, EdD, and Jendonnae L. Houdyschell, Esq. will be available for an informal Q&A session for anyone struggling to meet the federal requirements for providing professional licensure disclosure letters to prospective and current students.

Join the online group or contact licensure@marshall.edu to be added
www.marshall.edu



The graphic features a stack of three wooden blocks on the right side, with the letters 'Q', '&', and 'A' on them from top to bottom. The background is a light gray gradient with a green vertical bar on the left. The Marshall University logo is a green square with a white 'M' and the word 'MARSHALL' in a black banner across the middle.

Marshall to welcome new students next week

AUGUST 10, 2021



Marshall's annual Week of Welcome (WOW) returns next week with a full schedule of events and activities to welcome new students into the Marshall family before the fall semester begins on Monday, August 23.

"Week of Welcome is a program specifically designed to welcome our new freshmen to campus and make them feel like they are part of

our Marshall family," said Dr. Sherri Stepp, associate dean of undergraduate studies and director of University College.

"Our entire campus comes together in a collaborative effort to make this happen," Stepp said. "This year, more than ever, we can't wait for Week of Welcome to begin! We have truly missed seeing students on campus and we are looking forward to sharing this time with them as they learn to navigate campus and learn about the resources and services, we offer to help them succeed. And, perhaps most of all, we hope they have a great time and meet new friends as they embark this new journey."

Freshman students arrive on the Huntington campus for residence hall move-in on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 16 and 17. In-person WOW events begin with WOW check-in on Tuesday afternoon. The Class of 2025 will celebrate the beginning of their Marshall journey with the Freshman Convocation at Joan C. Edwards Stadium, the first in that location, followed by a class photograph on the field with the help of the Marching Thunder.

Students will begin their first class at Marshall during Week of Welcome. UNI 100, "Freshman First Class," is an introduction to the academic structures and expectations of college life. Those who successfully complete the course will earn one hour of elective credit.

"During WOW, students will participate in large group sessions and attend a theatrical performance illustrating the history of our university," Stepp said. "In smaller classroom sessions, students will learn about the vast number of resources and services we have to offer and support student success."

Attendance at the required WOW classes and activities and class sessions during the first seven weeks of the semester will play a large role in the grade students earn for UNI 100.

“Week of Welcome programming is also available for students attending classes at our Mid-Ohio Valley Center and South Charleston campus. Students attending courses at these locations are invited to come to Huntington to participate in the evening and weekend activities and events,” Stepp said.

Here is a brief look at some of the events scheduled on the Huntington campus during Marshall’s Week of Welcome:

Monday, Aug. 16

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Freshman Move-In. Campus residence halls.

Tuesday, Aug. 17

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Freshman Move-In. Campus residence halls.

Noon to 6 p.m. – WOW Registration. Recreation Center basketball courts.

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. – Build-a-Bison. Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

7 p.m. – President’s Convocation. Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

8:30 p.m. – Freshman Class Photo. Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

9 p.m. – *We Are... Marshall* Movie Night. Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

Wednesday, Aug. 18

11:30 a.m. – “Traditions: The Rise of Marshall” Preview Performance. Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

8:30 p.m. – Recess at the Rec. Marshall Recreation Center.

Thursday, Aug. 19

8:30 a.m. – College Sessions: Meet Your Dean. Various locations.

6 p.m. – Student Tailgate. Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex.

Friday, Aug. 20

8:30 a.m. – College Sessions: Meet Your Dean. Various locations.

4:30 p.m. – Campus Crawl. Memorial Student Center Plaza.

7 p.m. – Herd Rally. 9th Street, Downtown Huntington.

Saturday, Aug. 21

10 a.m. – noon – Herd Helps, Service Opportunity. Various locations.

Noon to 3 p.m. – RecFest. Marshall Recreation Center.

Sunday, Aug. 22

5:30 to 8:30 p.m. – Sundaes on Sunday. Harless Field

A complete schedule of WOW activities, leading up to the first day of class for the fall semester, may be found at www.marshall.edu/wow.

School of Medicine welcomes Class of 2025

AUGUST 11, 2021



The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine welcomed its newest class of medical students to campus with a weeklong series of orientation activities last week, followed by the start of classes today.

The 80 incoming medical students received supplies needed to kick off their medical school journey, including stethoscopes donated by Drs. Joseph B. and Omayma T. Touma and family, and white coats and medical instruments

provided by 150 School of Medicine alumni, family and friends.

The Class of 2025 includes students from a variety of backgrounds, including two M.D./Ph.D. students, one set of cousins and former college athletes across seven different sports. The class includes alumni from nine West Virginia colleges and universities as well as Auburn University, Johns Hopkins University, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, University of Notre Dame, William & Mary and many others, as well as seven legacy students, meaning one or both parents are Marshall School of Medicine alumni. Other interesting statistics about the class include:

- 79% are from West Virginia.
- 9% entered from Marshall's B.S./M.D. program.
- 90% were science majors.

- 11% are first-generation college graduates.
- The average age is 24 years old.

Orientation activities included a variety of teambuilding exercises and introduced students to their assigned “learning communities,” which are student-led networks that foster a dedicated network of support for medical students. Throughout the week, the students were introduced to their classmates and faculty and learned more about the structure and format of medical school.

“Week Zero, as we like to call orientation, is all about helping incoming students build a connection to their classmates, faculty and the community,” said Bobby L. Miller, M.D., vice dean of medical education. “As they begin classes this week, students will participate in a first-year medical school curriculum that builds a foundational knowledge of clinical care.”

Due to COVID-19, the school has postponed the traditional white coat cloaking ceremony. For news and information about the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, follow us on Twitter [@MUSOMWV](https://twitter.com/MUSOMWV), like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/jcesom) or visit jcesom.marshall.edu.

About the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine is a community-based medical school established in 1977. Located in Huntington, West Virginia, the School of Medicine trains physicians, scientists and other professionals to meet the unique health care needs of rural and underserved communities. Learn more at jcesom.marshall.edu.

New Board of Governors members sworn in during meeting

AUGUST 11, 2021

Three new board of governors members were sworn in Friday at a regular meeting of Marshall University’s governing body.

Appointed by West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice, James C. “Chad” Pennington was named as a new member last month. Pennington is a former Marshall University standout and New York Jets professional football player. He currently coaches high school football in Lexington, Kentucky. Other new board members are Alyssa Parks, a senior and student government association president who will represent students, and Dr. Robin C. Riner, professor of anthropology, who will serve as the faculty representative.

The oath of office was administered by Justice John A. Hutchinson of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals at the board’s meeting in Daniels, West Virginia.

Following an executive session, the board announced that it would officially name the corner of 18th Street and 3rd Avenue, Hal Greer Memorial Plaza. The area, located in front of the Henderson Center, will be home to a life-size sculpture of the former Marshall basketball player and NBA great Hal Greer. The artwork will be dedicated Oct. 9, which is the university’s homecoming. Additionally, the board approved four individuals to serve on Marshall’s Autism Training Center’s board of directors.

Marshall’s board received the latest investment earnings report among other academic, financial and administrative reports.

In his update, President Jerome A. Gilbert noted the university will publicly announce its COVID-19 safety updates next week, which will include an expansion of the mask policy. The changes are in response to an uptick in the Delta variant and the resulting upsurge in cases in Cabell County.

Other measures for the fall term include a procedure that allows for all unvaccinated students moving into campus residences to undergo on-the-spot testing, thanks to an agreement with the Cabell Huntington Health Department for the use of new equipment that turns around results quickly. Additionally, beginning next week, all unvaccinated employees will be required to undergo random COVID-19 testing. Unvaccinated students will be subject to the same protocol when the term begins. All students are required to report their vaccine status, which includes an option not to disclose, to the online student registry. Gilbert reminded everyone that policies and procedures related to COVID are subject to change depending on the virus’s activity.

Board President Patrick Farrell informed the board that the search for a new university president remains on schedule. To date, there have been a total of 20 listening sessions attracting 300 individuals from the Marshall and Huntington communities who provided feedback.

A presidential profile was unveiled today and is available on the university’s [presidential search website](#). This document showcases the university and outlines the opportunities and challenges the next president will face. The profile also details the requirements and preferred qualities of the new president.

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All Marshall University faculty are invited to attend.



Blough to serve as interim dean of pharmacy school

AUGUST 10, 2021

Dr. Eric R. Blough, associate dean of academic and curricular affairs at the School of Pharmacy, has been appointed interim dean of the school effective Jan. 1, 2022. The appointment was announced yesterday in a university-wide e-mail from Dr. Avinandan Mukherjee, interim provost of the university.

Dr. Gayle Brazeau, who is currently serving as dean, will return to the pharmacy faculty after a sabbatical in the spring of 2022.

Blough received his Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Michigan Technological University in 1990. Upon completion of his B.S., he enrolled in the Master of Science program in exercise physiology at Southern Illinois University, graduating in 1992. He then turned his attention to completing a Ph.D. program in exercise physiology at the Ohio State University, which he did in 1997. During his graduate studies, he received numerous research awards. After graduating, he completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Illinois.

He began his career in 2000 at Michigan Technological University, where he was employed in a variety of positions until 2003. From 2003-06, he continued to serve as an adjunct professor of biomedical engineering at Michigan Technical University; however, at that time he joined the faculty at Marshall as assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences with an adjunct appointment in the Department of Physiology and Toxicology in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Blough has also held adjunct faculty positions in the biotechnology program at West Virginia State University and the exercise physiology program in Marshall's College of Education and Human Services (now the College of Education and Professional Development). In 2006, he was promoted to the rank of associate professor of biological sciences.

A prolific researcher and publisher, Dr. Blough and his colleagues have obtained approximately \$13 million in research awards since 1998 and published more than 300 scientific manuscripts, technical reports and abstracts—all while maintaining a strong focus on student development and mentoring in his teaching.

He is a well-respected and award-winning faculty member. In 2017 and 2018 he was a finalist for the West Virginia Professor of the Year award. He was awarded the Marshall Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award in 2005 and 2009, the 2009 John and Frances Rucker Outstanding Graduate Advisor Award, and the 2017 Hedrick Award as the outstanding Marshall University faculty member. More recently, he received the 2020-21 Marshall University School of Pharmacy Dean's Award for Excellence in Research. He has been nominated for multiple teaching, research and advising awards nearly every year since joining the faculty at Marshall.

Having recently been awarded the prestigious American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Robert K. Chalmers Distinguished Pharmacy Educator Award and continuing to serve as the editor-in-chief of the

academy's premiere education journal, the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*, Brazeau's scholarly focus has centered on the future structure and implementation of pharmacy education as the essential foundation for advancing pharmacy practice.

She will be using her sabbatical to participate in a unique opportunity to collaborate with other distinguished pharmacy educators across the country to assess, evaluate and write on the topic of educational innovations and the future of pharmacy education and its impact on the future of pharmacy practice.

Brazeau has overseen the growth and development of the School of Pharmacy since her appointment in 2018. Under her direction, the school saw a successful transition to Steven J. Kopp Hall, implemented a master's degree program in pharmaceutical sciences, shepherded sustained growth in research and scholarship in the Department of Pharmaceutical Science and Research, created an endowed academic scholarship program, and established faculty and staff award programs.

“Dr. Brazeau also has worked tirelessly to advance a positive reputation for the School of Pharmacy and Marshall University in the Huntington community,” Mukherjee said. “She was instrumental in developing the School of Pharmacy's partnership with the Fairfield community to sponsor Black History Month activities, Juneteenth and community food drives. Additionally, the School of Pharmacy has partnered with other organizations to support flu vaccinations and COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. Finally, she along with senior leadership and faculty in the school have adopted a new, innovative Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum to be implemented in fall 2021. The university is indebted to her for her service to the school and the Huntington community.”

Stoicism as a Philosophy for Modern Life



Dr. Massimo Pigliucci

K.D. Irani Professor of Philosophy, Chair of the Department of Philosophy
City College of New York

5:30 pm | Friday, Aug. 20

Drinko Library Auditorium, Room 402

Can be attended virtually, link at website

Join us for the inaugural lecture of *The Wars Within, The Wars Without*: a program designed to help veterans reflect on their experiences.

Sponsored by the West Virginia Humanities Council, the Hedrick Teaching Innovation Grant, Drinko Academy, College of Liberal Arts, and the Society for Classical Studies Ancient Worlds Modern Communities Initiative.

For more information please email franzen@marshall.edu; conleyr@marshall.edu
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You are invited to join the Marshall Recreation Center for the premier event of the year. RecFest is an opportunity to showcase your business or organization to not only Marshall Students, but to the entire Marshall community. This year's event will take place on Saturday, Aug. 21, from noon to 3 p.m. on the gym courts of the Rec Center.

RecFest is the perfect place to connect and collaborate with Huntington and to expose your brand to thousands of incoming Marshall Students.

We hope you can join us, as we are excited for the return of RecFest this year, 2020 put a hold on the event but we are ready for this year's event and hope to come back better than ever! This year's theme will revolve around Mardi Gras, or shall we say "Marshall Gras," so be ready for a party! We look forward to having you as a vendor at the 2021 RecFest event; reserve your space today as one of our vendors or sponsors.

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Marshall to host Jean Edward Smith Memorial Symposium featuring George F. Will on Sept. 1

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Jean Edward Smith Memorial Symposium - Sept. 1, 2021



Marshall will host a symposium focused on the work of acclaimed author and political scientist Jean Edward Smith beginning at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

The Jean Edward Smith Memorial Symposium, which will take place on the second anniversary of Smith's passing, is presented by the Office of the President, the John Deaver Drinko Academy and the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy.

The featured speakers are nationally syndicated columnist, political commentator, and author George F. Will; Simon & Schuster vice president and executive editor Robert Bender; retired William and Mary historian, documentary editor and author Charles F. Hobson; and Princeton University professor of politics and author Jan-Werner Müller.

Smith, called "one of the most admired biographers of his time" by The Washington Post and "today's foremost biographer of formidable figures in American history," by Will, wrote several highly regarded and award-winning books, including *John Marshall: Definer of a Nation*; *Grant*, which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2002; and *FDR*, which won the Francis J. Parkman Prize of the Society of American Historians as 2007's best book on American history.

Smith joined Marshall's faculty after retiring from the University of Toronto, where he taught for 35 years. At Marshall, Smith served as the John Marshall Professor of Political Science and was named a Drinko Fellow. Smith earned an A. B. from Princeton University in 1954 and doctorate in public law and government from Columbia University in 1964.

Patricia Proctor, director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy and one of the event organizers, said, "We are honored to be hosting an event to focus on the important work of Jean Edward Smith, and delighted with the distinguished scholars coming to participate. We are eager to hear their insights regarding Professor Smith and his work."

The symposium will feature Will, a Pulitzer Prize-winning nationally syndicated columnist. Will is the author of 16 books, including eight collections of his *Newsweek* and *Washington Post* columns, three on political theory, and three about baseball. His 16th book, [*American Happiness and Discontents: The Unruly Torrent, 2008-2020*](#), will be published in September. Will is a former contributing editor of *Newsweek* magazine and the former Washington editor of *National Review* magazine. He also was a panel member on ABC television's "This Week" for over three decades before moving to Fox News, where he appeared on "Special Report" and "Fox News Sunday" for three years.

The symposium will also include Bender, Smith's editor at Simon & Schuster, where he is a vice president and executive editor. Bender publishes a wide range of nonfiction, with a concentration on history, biography, and current events, including dozens of bestselling and award-winning books.

Hobson will focus on Smith's work on John Marshall. Hobson is a retired historian and documentary editor, affiliated for many years with the College of William and Mary, including serving as resident scholar at the William and Mary School of Law. From 1979 to 2006, Hobson was principal editor of *The Papers of John Marshall*, a twelve-volume edition of Marshall's correspondence, papers, and selected judicial opinions. His one-volume edition, *John Marshall: Writings*, was published by the Library of America in 2010. Hobson is the author of *The Great Chief Justice: John Marshall and the Rule of Law* (1996) and *The Great Yazoo Lands Sale: The Case of Fletcher v. Peck* (2016).

Müller, the Roger Williams Straus Professor of Social Sciences at Princeton University, will discuss the import and relevance of Smith's first and last books: *The Defense of Berlin*, published in 1963 and describing events that led to the building of the Berlin Wall, and *The Liberation of Paris: How Eisenhower, de Gaulle, and von Choltitz Saved the City of Light*, published in 2019. Müller's books include *Democracy Rules* (2021) and *What is Populism?* (2016), which has been translated into 25 languages. He regularly writes for *The Guardian* and the *London Review of Books*.

The symposium is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and must be reserved in advance using Eventbrite. The event is listed as [Jean Edward Smith Memorial Symposium](#). Guests will be socially distanced, and masks will be required. The event will also be livestreamed and can be accessed online at www.marshall.edu/it/livestream.

Photos: A symposium on Wednesday, Sept. 1, will honor the life and work of the late Jean Edward Smith (upper left). Participating will be Robert Bender (upper right) and (second row, left to right) Charles Hobson, Jan-Werner Müller and George F. Will.

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RCBI accelerator introduces apprentices to careers in manufacturing

AUGUST 10, 2021



Apprentices are getting a head start on careers in manufacturing through the Manufacturing Tech Accelerator at the Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI).

Participants are learning the skills they need to succeed in entry-level positions in manufacturing. RCBI's Apprenticeship Works initiative offers the program at no cost.

Chandler Call, 20, and Jacob Marsh, 20, signed up for the program to learn more about the core skills of welding and machining. The friends and former classmates at Cabell-Midland High School have enjoyed the program so far and would recommend it to others.

“Everyone says you need to go to college, but college isn’t for everybody,” Chandler said. “We need the skilled workers. Blue-collar workers make the world go around.”

During the first week, apprentices attended class at RCBI’s Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center in Huntington, where they studied blueprint reading and precision measurement. During the second and third weeks, they learned and practiced welding skills under the guidance of RCBI instructors.

During the fourth week, apprentices will learn about computer-controlled machining and complete hands-on projects. In the final two weeks, apprentices will learn about 3D printing, industrial safety and other manufacturing topics.

Throughout the six weeks, apprentices are completing online courses to fulfil the requirements of their apprenticeship and to prepare for industry certifications. In addition, they will meet West Virginia manufacturers who offer apprenticeship programs in partnership with Apprenticeship Works.

Upon completion of 2,000 hours of paid on-the-job training with a participating employer, the apprentices will qualify for a certificate from the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Apprenticeship in the occupation of manufacturing technician.

With the support of the U.S. Department of Labor, RCBI’s Apprenticeship Works partners with 30 companies in 20 states to develop registered apprenticeship programs. For more information about Apprenticeship Works, contact Director Lucinda Curry at 304-720-7742 or lcurry@rcbi.org.

Marshall faculty, students present at the 2021 virtual National Youth Science Camp

AUGUST 11, 2021



Dr. Brian Kinghorn, an associate professor of curriculum, instruction and foundations at Marshall, and his National Youth Science Camp (NYSCamp) staff organized and directed a second virtual camp this summer, in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The entirely virtual experience combined world-class STEM programming with many other opportunities for learning and networking for one-hundred-thirty top science students from across the United States and twelve Western Hemisphere nations. Although delegates could not gather in the mountains of West Virginia, the camp was nonetheless an engaging, exciting, and unforgettable experience, Kinghorn said.

Between June 28 and July 21, over seventy STEM professionals, many of them eminent in their disciplines, presented more than three hundred lectures and small-group sessions at the 2021 camp. The interactive program covered a wide range of topics, from microbes to electrical grids, from NASA engineering to deep sea exploration; from CRISPR applications to music and art; from communicating science to 3D printing; and from science policy to how folding proteins can cure COVID-19. Weekends were spent disconnecting and spending time in nature with family and friends. Special virtual events at camp included two live concerts, tours of the Green Bank Observatory and M.C. Escher's art at the National Gallery, and an AAAS STEM policy panel.

Marshall faculty and students also presented at the camp.

Dr. David Trowbridge, associate professor of history at Marshall, taught delegates about the intersections of history, science, and technology during two seminars about his Clio App. Dr. Frederick "Rick" Walker, adjunct biology instructor at Marshall, taught a seminar about electric vehicles. In addition, MU physics junior Ellie White taught a directed study about radio astronomy, and her brother, Josh White, an incoming freshman, taught a directed study about computer programming and gamified learning. The delegation also had the opportunity to learn about patriotism and civic responsibility from WWII Medal of Honor recipient and local hero Hershel "Woody" Williams July 5.

Of the NYSCamp experience, Marie Hernandez, a delegate from Trinidad and Tobago, said, "Coming to camp I thought it was going to be all lectures and minimal fun but quite the opposite was true. There was a perfect balance that was created between work and play."

And as Leonardo Mendoza Mora, a delegate from Mexico, put it, “I never imagined a virtual camp in the first place, and although we’ve been really frustrated with the virtual things this past year, I think that the team at the NYSCamp has showed us that making an amazing, fun, and engaging virtual camp is indeed possible.”

Mahia Rahman, a delegate from Virginia, added that “camp was absolutely amazing and has influenced every part of my life positively! It is an experience I will never forget.”

Lina Chihoub, a delegate from New Jersey said, “I loved camp! Everyone is so passionate about unique fields of STEM. It was so inspiring to watch my peers learning for the sake of learning. Topics weren’t boring and repetitive but were instead super interactive, innovative, and informative, and changed the way I think about science.” Laboni Santra, a delegate from Florida, stated, “I have never been to a proper science camp before, and even though this year the NYSCamp was in a virtual format, I have learned more from the presenters, staff, and fellow delegates than I have all during quarantine.” Rida Siddiqi, a delegate from Texas, summed up her NYSCamp experience when she said, “I loved my experience at camp so much! The quality of the speakers and [programming] was unimaginably inspiring and informative... I look forward to staying connected with the other alumni.”

Speaking of the 2021 delegation, Kinghorn said “it was a pleasure to virtually host such an amazing group of young people who are already making a difference for good in their communities and beyond. I hope that the NYSCamp experience has kickstarted their academic and professional journeys towards becoming innovators, changemakers, and leaders of the world.”

The National Youth Science Foundation (NYSF), which sponsors the NYSCamp, will continue to monitor the pandemic and hopes to be able to host the 2022 NYSCamp at Camp Pocahontas in the Monongahela National Forest of West Virginia next summer.

Further information is available by contacting Kinghorn by e-mail at director@nyscamp.org or by phone at 517-974-4996.

About the NYSF and NYSCamp

The NYSCamp, which was first hosted by the State of West Virginia in 1963 as part of the state’s centennial, is normally held at Camp Pocahontas in the Monongahela National Forest. Since its inception, the NYSCamp has honored over 6,200 students, giving them the opportunity to participate in a rigorous STEM enrichment program. Operation and financial support for this program was taken over by the National Youth Science Foundation (a 501(c) (3) organization) in 1983. The NYSCamp has been the Foundation’s well-established response to the documented need for improved science, math, and technology education among promising youth across the country.

The mission of the National Youth Science Foundation is to inspire lifelong engagement and ethical leadership in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) through its proven educational

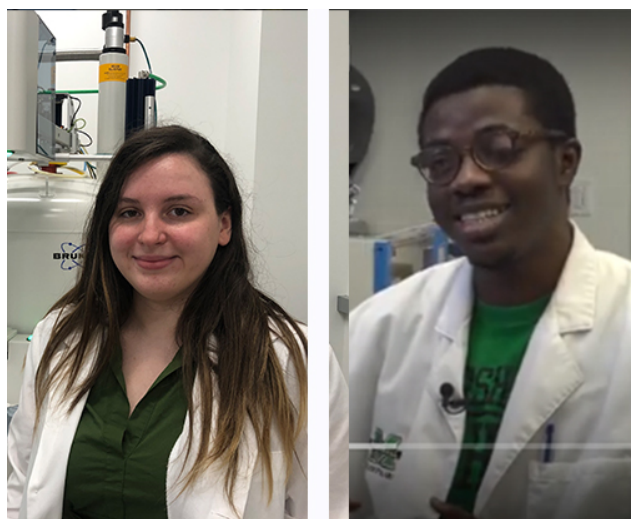
model for mentoring, challenging, and motivating students. By building communities among students, teachers, and professionals, NYSF programs bridge the gap between the traditional school curriculum and STEM careers.

This year's delegation included an unprecedented, one-time increase to fifty international delegates, made possible by a generous contribution and cooperation from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). The camp was also made possible through generous contributions from the State of West Virginia, Northrup Grumman, the Martha Gaines and Russell Werhle Memorial Foundation, the Daywood Foundation, SCHED, and NYSCamp alumni and friends.

Additional information about the 2021 virtual NYSCamp can be found at press.nyscamp.org.

School of Pharmacy recognizes first graduates from master's program in pharmaceutical and health sciences

AUGUST 11, 2021



Denise Dawley (left) and Samuel Tetteh-Quarshie are the first graduates of the School of Pharmacy's [master's degree program in pharmaceutical and health sciences](#) (M.S.P.S.).

“We started this two-year program in 2019 to provide a path for students seeking careers in research, the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry, and other health professions,” said Boyd Rorabaugh, Ph.D., professor and chair of the pharmacy school's department of pharmaceutical sciences. “It can also be combined with our Pharm.D. program to achieve a dual degree.”

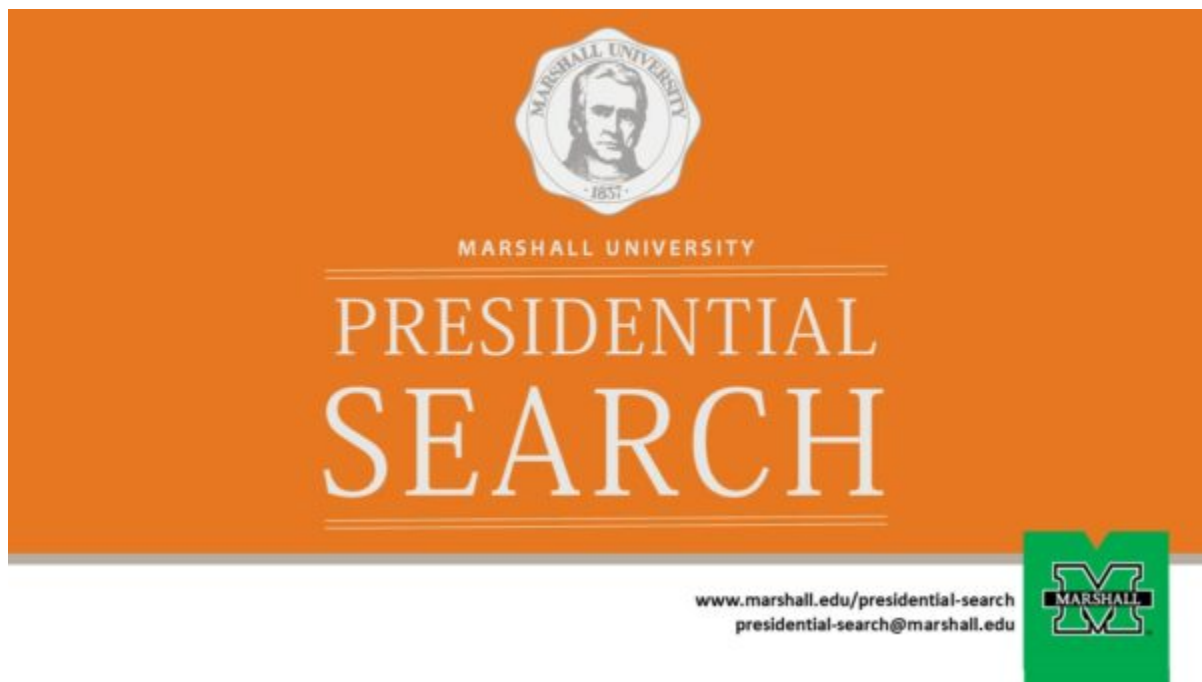
Dawley, of Huntington, West Virginia, also holds a B.S. in chemistry from Marshall. She heads to medical school at WVU in Morgantown this fall.

“This program gave me a chance to establish my research background and get my work published in professional journals,” said Dawley. “The facility is new and has brand new equipment, new lab space, and multiple floors for classes and studying.”

Tetteh-Quarshie, of Ghana, also holds a B.S. in biochemistry from Manchester University in Indiana. He plans to pursue a Ph.D. in biomedical sciences at Marshall this fall.

“Marshall’s M.S.P.S. program is incredible,” he said. “It’s a chance for clinical research and interaction with future pharmacists. This gives deeper understanding of how the work that you do in the lab impacts patients.”

Additional information about the program, including video testimonials from Dawley and Tetteh-Quarshie, are available at <https://www.marshall.edu/pharmacy/msps/>.



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Surveillance testing of unvaccinated employees started Aug. 9

AUGUST 10, 2021

As the university gears up for the fall 2021 semester, the university has **started random COVID-19 testing of all unvaccinated employees.**

The required surveillance testing began Aug. 9 and will continue throughout the semester.

Employees selected for testing each week will receive an e-mail with testing appointment details.

Marshall University uses a self-administered saliva-based test. It is recommended you hydrate in the hours before your test; however, **you should not eat, drink, smoke, use tobacco products, chew gum or use mouthwash within 30 minutes of your test.** Visit the [university's website](#) for more information about the saliva-based testing process.

Testing details for the South Charleston and Mid-Ohio Valley Center campuses will be shared directly with employees in those locations.

Vaccinated employees are exempt from testing requirements—unless testing is requested as part of contact tracing protocols.

For more information about the university's COVID-19 response, please visit www.marshall.edu/coronavirus or e-mail COVID19@marshall.edu.

Coronavirus Statistics:

New Cases Since July 28, 2021

Students: 8

Faculty: 0

Staff*: 1

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

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

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



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