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Gary and Jo Ann White establish Dr. Jerome A. Gilbert Professorship in Biomedical Engineering

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Gary G. and Jo Ann White announced today that they have established the Dr. Jerome A. Gilbert Professorship in Biomedical Engineering in honor of the 37th president of Marshall University.

Gary White, who served as interim president of Marshall from December 2014 to January 2016, said he hopes this professorship will help cement the legacy of Gilbert while also continuing to propel the university forward in this unique and exciting field of study.

“Dr. Jerry Gilbert came to Marshall University at a critical time in our history, becoming Marshall’s 37th president after the unfortunate and untimely death of Stephen J. Kopp,” White said. “Under Dr. Gilbert’s leadership, Marshall continued to move forward. Among his many initiatives, Dr. Gilbert established the biomedical engineering program in 2018, combining the strengths of Marshall’s School of Medicine and its College of Engineering to provide students the opportunity to enter this new and exciting profession. Jo Ann and I are pleased to be able to honor Dr. Gilbert and his wife, Leigh, for their service to Marshall University and the region it serves.”

White was appointed to the role of interim president following the sudden death of longtime president Dr. Stephen J. Kopp. A Marshall graduate, White is a former member and past chair of the Marshall University Board of Governors, as well as an accomplished businessman and leader in the coal mining industry.

Dr. Jerry Gilbert succeeded White in January 2016 as the 37th president of Marshall University. A Mississippi native with a background in biomedical engineering, Gilbert made an immediate and lasting impact on the university.

“I thank my friends Gary and Jo Ann White for their generous gift to establish a biomedical engineering professorship in my name at Marshall University,” Gilbert said. “Having spent almost my entire career in biomedical engineering, I can think of no greater honor. This professorship will help Marshall attract high quality faculty to the program and place it on the path to becoming a leader in the field of biomedical engineering. Along with its highly esteemed medical school, the biomedical program at Marshall has enormous potential for growth in both the research and education arenas.”

The Dr. Jerome A. Gilbert Professorship in Biomedical Engineering will help support an engineering professor with a background and advanced education in biomedical engineering in the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences (CECS) at Marshall University. Most importantly, the professorship will help attract high-quality faculty and support important educational and research initiatives in the department.

“My hope is that this professorship will enable us to attract a world-class chair for biomedical engineering,” said Dr. David Dampier, dean of CECS. “Dr. Jerry Gilbert has always been an inspiration to me. This gift provides a legacy that is both deserved and will preserve his memory. All gifts are valuable and provide needed resources for programs and this gift is directed to hiring a certain caliber of faculty member that Marshall may not be able to attract without the resources that are being provided.”

In addition to the educational opportunities, Gary White said he hopes the establishment of this professorship will help further propel the legacy of Gilbert at Marshall University. Under his direction, Gilbert rapidly increased the national profile of the university and helped the institution earn the prestigious “R2” research institution designation by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of High Education. He also oversaw the addition of multiple high-demand programs and was a champion for sustainability, diversity and inclusion initiatives at the university.

“Looking back on my six years at Marshall, I am very proud of the progress that was made in both research and student success,” Gilbert said. “Being ranked as a doctoral research university for the first time in its history was a significant accomplishment that will continue to raise the stature and quality of the university. There is no question that student success rates continue to improve as undergraduates have more opportunities for cocurricular engagement in research, community projects and other activities to augment the excellent classroom experience at Marshall. Our number one focus is always on the students.”

To support the Dr. Jerome A. Gilbert Professorship in Biomedical Engineering or to learn more about supporting other important initiatives at Marshall University, visit www.marshall.edu/donate or contact the Marshall University Foundation at 304-696-6264.

“In addition to establishing the biomedical engineering program, we believe Dr. Gilbert will be remembered for his visionary leadership and his many major initiatives,” White said. “We hope others will join Jo Ann and me by contributing to this professorship to honor Dr. Gilbert’s service to Marshall University.”

Photo: Posing with the ceremonial check announcing the establishment of the Dr. Jerome A. Gilbert Professorship in Biomedical Engineering are, from left, Dr. David Dampier, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences; Jo Ann White; Gary White; Gilbert; [Brad D. Smith](#), president of Marshall University; and Dr. Ronald Area, CEO of the Marshall University Foundation Inc.

Video: [Dr. Jerome A. Gilbert Professorship.mp4.mp4](#)

Additional Photos: <https://muphotos.marshall.edu/Events/College-of-Engineering/51622-Dr-Jerome-A-Gilbert-Professorship/>

Marshall names new vice president for intercultural and student affairs

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President [Brad D. Smith](#) announced Monday that Dr. Marcie Simms will serve as the university's next vice president for intercultural and student affairs, effective July 5.

Simms is currently the dean of students at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio.

"Marcie is a proven leader who exhibits a deep understanding of our student population and a respect for Marshall's tradition and values, combined with an ability to collaborate and build efficient teams to unleash potential," Smith said. "I am excited to welcome Marcie to Marshall to serve in this pivotal role."

Simms completed her undergraduate work at Marshall, earned a master's degree at Eastern Kentucky University and graduated from Marshall with her doctorate in education. A native of Cabell County, Simms has served at Florida State University and ECU, in addition to her time at Shawnee State.

"Dr. Simms' work with first-generation students, her familiarity with our region and student body, her understanding and appreciation of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion [DEI] priorities, her experience in all facets of student life and organizations, week of welcome events and student government associations, combined with her high energy and engagement, elevated her candidacy from the others," said Dr. Avinandan "Avi" Mukherjee, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.

Simms was selected from a field of five candidates.

Simms will succeed Maurice Cooley, who is retiring from Marshall after nearly 20 years of service.

Marshall's first class of physician assistant students starts clinical rotations

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The first class of students in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Physician Assistant program began clinical rotations last week. Clinical rotations are the component of their education in which they participate with medical care teams in multiple medical specialties such as pediatrics, internal medicine and other disciplines.

“It felt like a dream, and my jaw actually hurt from all the smiling I was doing under my mask,” said Mackenzie Galli, class of 2023, from Allentown, Pennsylvania. “Our instructors in the program prepared me for today, and I can’t thank them enough. I am eager to continue learning and

growing throughout rotations.”

Chosen from a competitive group of nearly 600 applicants, the 25 students began the 28-month program in January 2021. Due to COVID-19, lectures were initially virtual, and labs were conducted in small, socially distanced groups. After completing four semesters of rigorous academic work that incorporated patient experiences at the Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Medical Center in Huntington, they begin rotations in Marshall Health clinics in the Marshall University Medical Center and Marshall Health – Teays Valley location.

“I am beyond proud and confident in the ability of these students,” said Ginger Boles, M.S., PA-C, founding director of the physician assistant program. “Their dedication, work ethic and professional drive will serve them well as they go through clinical rotations and continue on to graduation in 2023.”

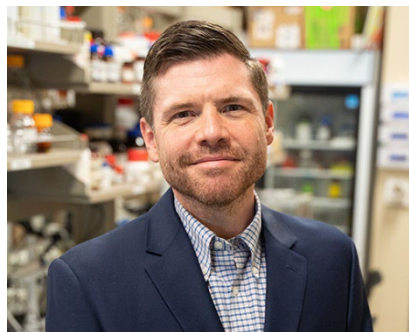
The U.S. Bureau for Labor Statistics projects physician assistant employment growth of more than 30 percent in this decade.

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to this program, which appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students. Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class.

Photo: The inaugural class of students in the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Physician Assistant program.

Chemistry professor awarded nearly \$400,000 for research

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The National Science Foundation has awarded \$366,624 for a research project at Marshall that could have findings affecting everything from how to protect humans during space travel to how to store drugs and vaccines at room temperature.

Dr. Derrick Kolling (pictured), professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry in the College of Science, was awarded the grant to closer examine tardigrades, a phylum of eight-legged segmented micro-animals. Tardigrades have been found almost everywhere on earth, from mountainous areas to climates known for tropical rain forests and to the Antarctic. The resilient animal provides a road map for how humans can deal with extreme conditions or how drugs can be stored by closely examining the cryptobiosis – the protective state that involves temporary downregulation of the metabolism during dangerous periods of stress.

The research project involves a collaboration between Kolling and Dr. Leslie Hicks, a Marshall chemistry alum, of UNC-Chapel Hill. Kolling says they plan to study how the micro-animal senses extreme conditions and enacts the appropriate response.

“We expect to determine how the animals sense these extreme conditions and how they propagate internal chemical signals to induce cryptobiosis,” Kolling said.

The award will support the research for 3 years, including undergraduate scientists and one graduate student, and allow them to establish a robust outreach program to K12 students. It will also allow Kolling to significantly enhance the collaboration with Hicks’ group at UNC Chapel Hill. He says that the whole project was an unexpected surprise.

“It was a bit of serendipity, but we were kicking around ideas and decided to have a look at tardigrades using one of our instruments, an NSF-funded electron paramagnetic resonance spectrometer, to see if they produced free radicals while undergoing specific types of cryptobiosis,” he said.

Free radicals are unstable atoms that can damage cells, causing illness and aging. What they noticed was the tardigrades’ ability to adapt. Kolling says the research group has hit the ground running and that the Marshall team had already begun work on the proposed research. For more information on the project contact Kolling by e-mail at kolling@marshall.edu.



RUSSIA'S WAR IN UKRAINE: WEEKLY UPDATE AND PANEL DISCUSSION

Fridays at 1 p.m. EST via Microsoft Teams
<https://bit.ly/MUkraine>

Marshall University professors Dr. Victor Fet, Dr. Kateryna Schray, Dr. Anara Tabyshalieva, Dr. Chris White, and Dr. Stefan Schoeberlein will co-moderate weekly panel discussions along with invited guests and experts about the War in Ukraine. Updates will be followed by in-depth discussions on the war’s relevance to Ukraine, Russia and other nations.

Links to the recordings of each panel discussion are available at
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Marshall hosts inaugural mentoring symposium

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Higher education faculty and staff from 29 states participated in Friday's inaugural mentoring symposium hosted by the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

The symposium, titled "Mentoring Across the Continuum: Incorporating Inclusive Practice to Foster Student Success," was designed to help mentors and mentees develop more inclusive mentoring practices that result in improved competencies that support individual and career advancement. During the daylong virtual conference, attendees heard from a variety of speakers including plenary presenters David Acosta, M.D., chief diversity and inclusion officer for the Association of American Medical Colleges; Lakshmi A. Devi, Ph.D., a professor at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; and Sally L. Hodder, M.D., associate vice president for clinical and translational science at West Virginia University and the director of the West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute.

"The value of a symposium like this demonstrates the visible commitment of the academic institution to mentoring and continuous learning, providing a platform for health care educators and researchers across the country to share the most insightful knowledge in mentoring," said Darshana T. Shah, Ph.D., the symposium organizer and associate dean for faculty advancement and professor of pathology at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. "I am grateful to the many mentors who have been instrumental in my personal and professional growth. I believe in paying it forward, and it is my turn to help others grow."

Conference participants learned how to apply evidence-based strategies for effective mentoring, learned to incorporate more inclusive strategies into their mentoring styles and gathered guidance from vetted subject-matter experts.

To learn more about mentoring initiatives at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine visit jcesom.marshall.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-advancement. For news and information about the 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.

School of Medicine announces return of Standing Out in Our Field event Aug. 27

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The [Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine](#) announces the return of its largest student scholarship fundraiser, Standing Out in Our Field, Saturday, Aug. 27. The annual event, which typically raises more than \$100,000 for the school's scholarship endowment, was canceled in 2020 and 2021 as a result of COVID-19.

This year, the unique outdoor dining experience that draws hundreds has been moved to the Barboursville Soccer Complex. Sponsored by the school's major teaching hospital partner, Mountain Health Network, Standing Out in Our Field will feature a "Night in Havana" theme and serve up a gourmet Cuban menu by Cabell Huntington Hospital's Executive Chef Don Sallada.

The event begins with a reception at 6 p.m. and is followed by dinner and dancing from 7 to 11 p.m., featuring music by the band Big Planet Soul.

"We are so excited to be having this amazing event again and looking forward to our new location at Barboursville Park. What's truly special about this evening is our current medical school students and other volunteers are the waitstaff," said Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs at the Marshall School of Medicine. "We couldn't serve nearly 500 attendees without them, and they are truly grateful for the opportunity to interact with many of the donors making their scholarships to medical school possible."

Proceeds from the annual event go to provide much-needed support for medical student scholarships. This year, event chairs, Dr. Bobby and Eric Hardin Miller have set a goal to add another \$150,000 to the school's scholarship endowment.

Event sponsors to date include Mountain Health Network, Valley Health, Champion Industries, Ohio Valley Physicians Inc., Radiology Inc, Retina Consultants, Diane C. and Maurice A. Mufson, M.D., Northstar Anesthesia, Ohio Valley Bank, Pleasant Valley Hospital and Marshall Health.

Tickets are \$125 per person. Additional sponsorships are available. To make a reservation, please contact Tami Fletcher by phone at 304-691-1701 or by e-mail at fletcher@marshall.edu. For more information, go to <https://jcesom.marshall.edu/alumni-giving/standing-out-in-our-field/>.

Photo: Standing Out In Our Field, the annual scholarship fundraiser for the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, will be Saturday, Aug. 27.

New medical school scholarship honors Dr. Peter Chirico

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A new scholarship at the School of Medicine honors longtime Huntington radiologist and Department of Radiology Chair Peter A. Chirico, M.D.

Earlier this year, radiology graduates and friends from across the country raised more than \$50,000 in less than three months to fund the *Dr. Peter A. Chirico Scholarship*. The scholarship is designated for a fourth-year medical student who is pursuing a career in radiology. The inaugural recipient of the scholarship is Nathaniel C. Gallagher, M.D., a graduate from the class of 2022 who will complete a preliminary year of

internal medicine at Marshall University followed by a diagnostic radiology residency at the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama.

Since joining the area's leading radiology practice, Radiology Inc., in 1991, Chirico has been a guiding force behind the dynamic clinical radiology experience every Marshall medical student receives. In addition to his role as professor and chair of radiology at the School of Medicine, Chirico also serves as chief of radiology at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

"Pete's mentorship, guidance and encouragement have been the conduit for the radiology careers of more than 150 students, including myself," said Robert J. Cure, M.D., president of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Alumni Association and Chirico's friend and colleague. "He instills professionalism and compassion in every student he interacts with and those traits transcends to the patients and families his work impacts."

A native of Newark, New Jersey, Chirico graduated from Rutgers New Jersey Medical School and completed a diagnostic radiology residency and body imaging fellowship both at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore. A board-certified diagnostic radiologist, Chirico also specializes in pediatric radiology and women's imaging.

On April 29, Chirico was recognized by the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Alumni Association as its 2022 Honorary Alumnus during the school's 42nd annual graduation and investiture ceremony. In addition to his role as physician and teacher, Chirico has reinvested countless hours into his community, serving on the boards for Hospice of Huntington and the

Marshall Artists Series. In 2018, Chirico and his wife, Clare, served as co-chairs for the School of Medicine scholarship fundraiser, Standing Out In Our Field. In 2022, he was named the Volunteer of the Year for the Huntington Museum of Art, where he has served on the board of trustees since 2016 and currently chairs HMA's membership campaign.

The Chiricos have five grown children– Michael, John, Lila, Isabella and Joe, a rising fourth-year medical student at Marshall.

For more information or to make a gift to the scholarship fund, please contact Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, at 304-691-1711 or holmes@marshall.edu. 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](https://www.jcesom.marshall.edu).

Photo: Dr. Peter Chirico and students and recent graduates he has mentored. From left to right are Tim Kocher, Amrita Valluri, Madisen Burns, Chad Meadows, Chirico, Logan Godfrey, Jordan Aikens and Nathaniel Gallagher.

About Marshall University 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](https://www.jcesom.marshall.edu).

J. Robert Fletcher Professorship for Engineering awarded in CECS

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Dr. Asad Salem was awarded the J. Robert Fletcher Professorship for Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences in April. Salem is the interim chair of the Weisberg Department of Mechanical Engineering.

“Dr. Salem has served Marshall University in mechanical engineering very well for a number of years, and is very deserving of this honor,” said Dr. David A. Dampier, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences.

The J. Robert Fletcher Professorship for Engineering supports an endowed faculty position in mechanical engineering at Marshall. J.H. Fletcher & Co., along with the Fletcher family, established the endowment in 2010 with a gift of \$125,000, which was matched by the trust fund at that time.

Fletcher, who died in May 2009, moved to Huntington in 1947 with his family business. Alongside his father and brother, he designed underground roof support systems for coal and limestone mines and built a manufacturing plant in Huntington. Today, J.H. Fletcher & Co. is one of the world's premier manufacturers of underground roof support systems.

"I'm honored, and I would like to thank Fletcher for their support of the mechanical engineering program here at Marshall," Salem said. "I am appreciative of Dean Dampier, who trusted me and saw my hard work, to award me this professorship."

The funds Salem received will support his research in the areas of coal mining production, mining equipment and mine safety.

In 2012, Marshall received a \$721,000 bequest from the Fletcher estate to fund the engineering professorship. The donation was matched through the state's "Bucks for Brains" West Virginia Research Trust Fund for a total benefit to the university of more than \$1.4 million.

Salem has been with Marshall since 2013. He is the founding chair of the mechanical engineering program. Fletcher was instrumental in establishing the program through monetary gifts.

Photo: Dr. David Dampier, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences; Tim Burgess, vice president of engineering for J.H. Fletcher & Co.; Dr. Asad Salem, professor and interim chair of mechanical engineering; and Lance West, vice president for development at the Marshall University Foundation; on the occasion of the announcement in April of the J. Robert Fletcher Professorship for Engineering in Marshall University's College of Engineering and Computer Sciences.

Students participate in world's largest international cyber defense exercise, Locked Shields

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Students from Marshall University went to Morgantown last month and participated in the world's largest international cyber defense exercise, run virtually by the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence in Tallinn, Estonia.

This year, 24 "Blue Teams" from countries throughout the world competed in the "Locked Shields" exercise and competition April 19-21. West Virginia led the United States' Blue Team, which included mission assurance specialists from the West Virginia National Guard's Army

Interagency Training and Education Center's Critical Infrastructure Protection Battalion, as well as the National Guard's legal specialists, cyber threat analysts, and public affairs experts to receive and resolve various injects of the simulated environment.

Students from Marshall, as well as West Virginia University and West Virginia Tech, partnered with the U.S. Blue Team in taking on the role of a national cyber rapid reaction team deployed to assist the country in handling a large-scale cyber incident with all its implications.

The West Virginia-led U.S. team finished 15th overall. The six Marshall students who participated included four from Marshall's Cyber Forensics and Security program in the College of Science – Alisha Joseph, John McFee, Ethan Endes and A.J. Clark — and two students from the Computer and Information Security program in the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences — Zander Lambert and Austin Woodrum.

As participants, they learned how to function as part of a team and how organizations respond to cyberattacks, and how to apply what they've learned in Marshall's academic programs to realistic cyberattacks, said John Sammons, chair of the Cyber Forensics and Security program and associate director of Marshall's Institute for Cyber Security.

"This has been a tremendous learning opportunity for students. Any time we can provide students an opportunity to participate in this kind of realistic exercise or environment, we do," Sammons said. "Employers are in dire need of employees that are as close to job ready as possible on day one. Our mission is to produce graduates that meet that demand. Locked Shields really helps us fulfill that mission.

"Collaborating with our academic and military partners made this exercise even more valuable for our students," Sammons continued. "During Locked Shields, MU students got to participate alongside the professionals from the West Virginia National Guard and DISA (Defense Information Systems Agency). They also worked closely with students from West Virginia

University, and the West Virginia University Institute of Technology. This created a learning experience that is very difficult to re-create in a college classroom. We're very grateful for the opportunity to participate in Locked Shields."

The Marshall students who participated reported that the experience was beneficial in multiple ways.

"Going to the Locked Shields competition was an amazing experience because of how immersive that it was," Alisha Joseph said. "Working alongside industry professionals allowed me to learn things that I could not learn in the classroom, and I was able to confidently complete our group objectives. I enjoyed the challenge of learning how to work in a small group to help our entire team achieve its goals, and I believe this experience has prepared me for my future in cybersecurity."

Ethan Endres also feels more prepared for the future after Locked Shields.

"It put me in a situation that was very realistic and immersive," he said. "I got to work alongside government agency workers, West Virginia National Guard members and industry professionals in a collaborative environment. This helped me understand how a 'well-oiled machine' works in cyber. This was really cool for me to understand how the workflow between different teams worked externally and internally. I feel like the main thing I will take away from this exercise is thinking on the spot, being ready to ask questions frequently and being ready for things to go wrong and to be proactive."

According to Marshall graduate student John McFee, "Locked Shields was not only an amazing real-world experience where I got to apply my collegiate knowledge in a hands-on manner, but was also an excellent opportunity to network and learn about the different jobs available in cybersecurity.

"I met numerous industry professionals who gave me some of the best advice I've received regarding my future in this field. LS '22 gave me a better appreciation of what to expect when I graduate from Marshall's Cyber Forensics and Security M.S. and provided me with some of the experience that jobs are looking for."

Also, working alongside other students and professionals in the cybersecurity field was a tremendous opportunity to meet others on the same path, McFee said.

"It gave me a renewed sense of, 'I'm glad I picked this field, and this is definitely what I want to do,'" he said. "Watching the professionals put their whole skill sets into this exercise was an exciting opportunity and I was able to pick up a few skills as a result."

For more information about Marshall's cybersecurity programs, visit www.marshall.edu/cfs and <https://www.marshall.edu/cecs/b-s-in-computer-and-information-security/>.

Photo: Marshall students Austin Woodrum (left) and John McFee participate in the Locked Shields international cybersecurity exercise in April 2022 in Morgantown.

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RCBI offers free manufacturing training to formerly incarcerated individuals

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RecoveryWorks, a Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) initiative to provide industry training and manufacturing job opportunities to formerly incarcerated individuals affected by the opioid epidemic, will launch a new class June 8 in Huntington.

The free 4-week educational program is open to individuals in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky who are interested in exploring career opportunities in manufacturing. Classes will run Wednesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at RCBI Huntington, 1050 Fourth Ave.

Participants will receive:

- Hands-on machinist training in the operation of computer-numerical-controlled (CNC) mills and lathes, coupled with classroom and online instruction in blueprint reading, mathematics, precision measurement, computer-aided design and safety.

- An \$8-per-hour stipend upon completion of the program. Funding also is available to assist with travel.
- Peer counseling to support emotional development, especially as it relates to maintaining sobriety or dealing with family and friends struggling with addiction
- Soft-skills education to advance recovery and prepare trainees to re-enter the workforce. This includes resume writing, job interview preparation and time-management skills development.

“RecoveryWorks provides a structured pathway for workforce re-entry,” said Carol Howerton, RCBI senior strategic advisor for workforce development. “Participants must be affected by the opioid epidemic in some way, either in recovery themselves or dealing with or having dealt with family or friends struggling with substance use disorder.”

RCBI partners with support organizations and private industry to deliver a holistic approach that better prepares individuals for finding and maintaining a job, Howerton said. Marshall University’s Creating Opportunities for Recovery Employment (CORE) program and Catholic Charities West Virginia help identify candidates for the program and provide counseling and soft-skills training.

For more information or to apply, contact RCBI’s Jill Goheen at by phone at 304-781-1678 or by e-mail at goheen14@rcbi.org.

RecoveryWorks is supported, in part, by a grant from the Bernard & Audre Rapoport Foundation, a Texas-based philanthropic organization dedicated to improving the social fabric of life by seeking innovative solutions to intractable and persistent problems.

Organizers announce final tally of Empty Bowls project

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The Empty Bowls 2022 pottery sale fundraiser hosted by the Marshall University School of Art & Design raised \$12,679 for the Facing Hunger Foodbank. The funds were raised through an in-person sale on April 22 at Pullman Square and an online sale hosted through the Pottery Place website over the following two weeks.

The School of Art and Design has hosted Empty Bowls for the past 19 years, giving art students a chance to create art for the public while giving back to the community.

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JULY 18-22

Mad Scientist Camp

(K-2nd grade 9am-12pm; 3rd-6th grade 1pm-4pm)

JULY 25-29

Junior LEGOs Camp

(K-2nd grade 9am-12pm; 3rd-6th grade 1pm-4pm)

Marshall University Science Building
Room 207 (along 3rd Ave.)

To register or for more information, visit <https://ssawv.com/>



Sponsored by the Marshall University College of Science and West Virginia Science Adventures.



\$200 & \$500

Scholarships Available for Students in Recovery Summer and Fall Semesters

Applications available by scanning QR code or visiting



www.marshall.edu/collegiate-recovery-community.

For more information contact Amy Saunders at saunde22@marshall.edu.
Sponsored by the Marshall University Collegiate Recovery Community, WV Department
of Health and Human Resources and the Office of Drug Control Policy.



Coronavirus Statistics:

New Cases Since May 3, 2022

Students: 0

Faculty: 0

Staff*: 7

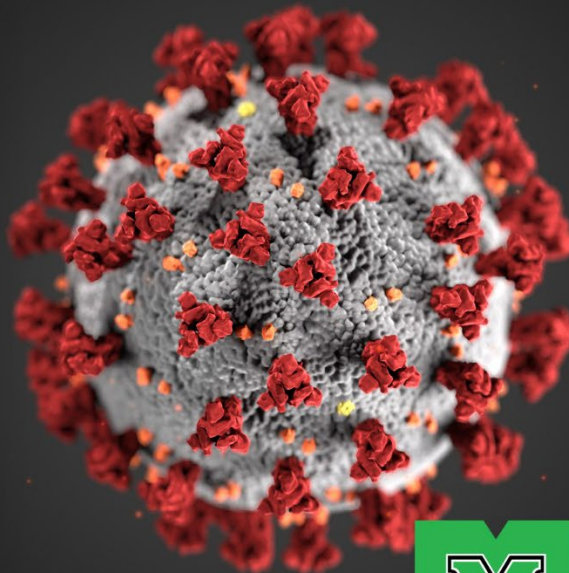
** Includes auxiliary employees (Sodexo, Aetna, Rec Center, etc.)*

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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For additional information, visit:
www.cdc.gov



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