



# HERD HEAVEN

The Official Newsletter of the Marshall University Alumni Association



## BACK 2 SCHOOL

It is hard to believe, but back to school time is upon us once again. It seems like just yesterday we were handing out degrees at graduation and welcoming in the latest members of the Herd Alum family. Now, here we are, getting ready to welcome future alumni with the annual Week of Welcome, followed by the first day of classes just a few weeks from now. From an observation standpoint, it is a unique time of year, as these bright-eyed teenagers walk onto campus for the very first time, getting ready to take that next step in their young lives, knowing full well that in just a few years these inexperienced freshmen will blossom into accomplished, well-versed adults, ready to tackle the world. Do you remember your first days, weeks, months on campus? Head on over to our [Facebook](#) page to share your story of those awkward first days adjusting to college life. Who knows, maybe your story will help a student in need!



## Alumni Benefits

### DID YOU KNOW?



Each year the Marshall University Alumni Association recognizes outstanding individuals during its Alumni Awards Banquet? And you can nominate someone today! [LEARN MORE...](#)

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### MU UNVEILS TEASER TRAILER FOR HOMECOMING 2017

As you may have seen over the summer, Marshall unveiled the official theme for Homecoming 2017 - "Overthrow the Monarchs" - along with an official teaser trailer to accompany the medieval/renaissance theme. Marshall University's Homecoming will take place Saturday, October 14 vs. the Old Dominion Monarchs - so get ready to break out your best armor, shine up your sword and get ready for a celebration hundreds of years in the making!

[WATCH THE OFFICIAL TRAILER...](#)



### MARSHALL ARTISTS SERIES ANNOUNCES 2017-18 LINEUP

From Cyndi Lauper's pop-rock musical "Kinky Boots" and some of the best young comedians like Leslie Jones of "Saturday Night Live" to music legends like Stephen Stills and Judy Collins, and hot, new music acts like Maren Morris, the Marshall Artists Series will fill the historic Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center in downtown Huntington with all that jazz, swing, country, rock, bluegrass and gospel during its music-infused 2017-18 series.

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## Upcoming Events



### FALL SEMESTER BEGINS

Students return to campus for the beginning of the fall semester!

AUG 21



### MARSHALL VS. MIAMI (OH)

The Thundering Herd kicks off the 2017 football season with a home game vs. Miami (OH)...[LEARN MORE](#)

SEP 2







### #MARSHALLUTRAVEL

Thanks to everyone who sent in photos over the summer of their MU vacations! We received images of Herd alums in Hawaii, Peru, all across North America - even from the top of Mount Kilimanjaro!

If you have a photo from your travels, tag us using #MarshallUTravel to be featured in future Herd Alum publications!



### HOMECOMING 2017

Marshall University attempts to "Overthrow the Monarchs" in the Homecoming Game vs. ODU...[LEARN MORE](#)

OCT 14



### THUNDER IS COMING...

We promised to bring the thunder and here it is...the official logo for Homecoming 2017! Marshall University's Homecoming will take place Saturday, October 14 vs. ODU and will feature the theme "Overthrow the Monarchs"

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### HOMECOMING 5K RACE BIGGER THAN EVER

The annual homecoming run will be bigger than ever this year with a new campus-centered route, more pomp and a new name - the Homecoming 5K Stampede!

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## Campus News



### BOARD EXTENDS PRESIDENT'S CONTRACT

The Marshall University Board of Governors approved an extension of



### WEEK OF WELCOME STARTS TUES AUG 15

Marshall is once again working to ensure incoming students feel welcomed and



### MARSHALL PARTNERS WITH WVU ON RESEARCH GRANT

Marshall recently announced it is



### FREE SPORTS MEDICINE SCREENING CLINICS START AUG 5

Marshall Health will offer weekly Saturday sports

President Jerome A. Gilbert's contract. Gilbert became the 37th president in January 2016  
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prepared when fall classes begin Aug. 21 with the annual Week of Welcome  
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a partner on a \$20 million grant to further support research aimed at improving the health of West Virginians  
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medicine screening clinics, beginning Aug. 5, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Marshall Sports Medicine Institute  
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**Athletics News**



**MARSHALL TO CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOFTBALL PROGRAM**

Marshall Athletics is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the softball program, Sept. 15-17. It is also Hall



**TICKET OFFICE LAUNCHES 'HERD WINS PACKAGE'**

The Marshall Ticket Office will launch a fun and exciting ticket option for Thundering Herd fans this season beginning Monday, August



of Fame weekend as nine more  
Herd greats will be inducted.  
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7 that will offer flexibility with their  
ticket-buying experience  
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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Morgan Zerkle  
*Go Big or Go Home...*

From a little girl with a big dream growing up in Milton, W.Va. to one of the most decorated athletes in Herd history, a spot on the U.S. National Team and a gig as a professional ball player. So how did one of Marshall's newest alums get here?...[READ MORE](#)

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