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Welcome to the NEW Alumni Newsletter!

The Marshall University Alumni Association is proud to bring you the all-new alumni newsletter *Sons and Daughters*! Please send all newsletter content to alumni@marshall.edu.



Celebrating You!

From all of us in the Office of Alumni Relations, we would like to welcome you to the all-new Marshall University Alumni Association newsletter aptly titled *Sons and Daughters*. In this space we will provide you with the latest news and information from all across campus, as well as pertinent things happening in our office and here at the Marshall University Foundation. We also want to take the time to put a focus on you - the aforementioned Sons and Daughters of this great institution. We want to tell your stories and share your success. So please, feel free to email us at alumni@marshall.edu and let

us know what is happening in your life and you may just see yourself featured in our monthly newsletter. Until then, have a great March and, as always, **GO HERD!**

Office of Alumni Relations

Matt Hayes

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MUAA Announces 83rd Alumni Awards Banquet



Marshall University and the Marshall University Alumni Association are set to host the 83rd annual Alumni Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 18 at 7 p.m. in the Don Morris Room on the Huntington, W.Va. campus.

Highlighting the list of more than a dozen honorees at the 2020 awards banquet are Brad and Alys Smith, William Joseph Kehoe, Cathy Burns and Jeff McKay.

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2020 Marshall Homecoming Date Set For October 24



Marshall Football's 2020 Homecoming game will pit the Thundering Herd against the Florida Atlantic Owls. The kickoff time for this contest and all of the Thundering Herd's 2020 games will be announced at a later date.

Marshall defeated Conference USA's defending champions 36-31 in Boca Raton last season on the strength of 220 rushing yards by Brenden Knox, the nation's second-highest rushing total of that weekend. He also scored twice, which included the game-clinching 17-yard rumble with 36 seconds left.

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Marshall Career Education Department Offering Opportunities for Alumni and Students in March



The Marshall University Career Education Department is offering up a great menu of career opportunities - from job fairs to etiquette dinners to a dress for success event - to both alumni and students throughout the months of March and April. Check out the full schedule in the link below and be sure to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities!

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**Marshall University
Office of Career Education**

*Spring 2020
EVENT
SCHEDULE*

March 10th, Tuesday
Spring Job-A-Palooza
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Memorial Student Center – Lobby

March 11th, Wednesday
Educator Expo
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Memorial Student Center – BE-5

March 15th, Sunday
JCPenny's Suit Up
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Huntington Mall

March 31st, Tuesday
Spring Career Expo
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Rec Center

April 15th, Wednesday
Spring Etiquette Dinner
4:30 – 6:00 p.m. OR 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Memorial Student Center – Don Morris Room
FREE EVENT, stop by the Office of Career Education to pick up your ticket!

For more information, contact Jennifer Brown at 304-696-2370 or career@marshall.edu

Marshall and West Virginia Department of Education Unveil ReClaim West Virginia Initiative



On Friday, February 6, the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) and Marshall University unveiled the ReClaim West Virginia (ReClaimWV) Initiative, a comprehensive program aimed to support educators, schools, school personnel, students and families affected by the substance misuse crisis.

ReClaimWV's vision statement is, "In response to the Opioid Epidemic, the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) will support and collaborate with local education agencies, schools, communities, and families to address the physical, social-emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs of our students."

The opioid epidemic is affecting the educational system. According to the Center for Disease Control 51.6 out of every 1,000 infants born in 2014 were born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, which is a group of conditions caused when an infant withdraws from certain drugs they are exposed to in the womb before birth. As a result, many of those children entered kindergarten in the fall of 2019.

Diana Whitlock serves as the assistant director in the Office of Special Education and Student Support at the WVDE and presented during the announcement of the initiative.

“We have to have our partners. And not just one university, but many universities and many partners. We have to come together as a whole state to address this problem and Marshall University has the center, has the capacity, has the knowledge and the expertise to be able to help us drive the efforts of ReclaimWV,” Whitlock said.

Marshall’s role is serving as home to the Behavior/Mental Health Technical Assistance Center, which is funded by WVDE’s Office of Special Education and Student Support and is housed at the Autism Training Center on Marshall’s Huntington Campus.

The website states, “The center was created as a response to local outcry for support with issues related to student behavior/mental health needs as well as the need to improve the continuity of existing interventions in schools.”

The center offers professional development, follow ups from trainings, book studies, webinars and more. The center is staffed with regional Behavior Support Specialists to tailor programs to specific needs and build capacity for long-term solutions. For more information, visit www.marshall.edu/bmhtac.

Educators interested in learning more about dealing with trauma in the classroom and other aspects of student wellness can save the date for the 2020 ReClaim Our Kids Conference, June 10-12 at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center. For more information, call 304-558-2696 or visit www.wvde.us/reclaimwv.

Alumni Spotlight - Dr. Eric George



There are many different types of creative people in the world.

There are people who are defined by their mathematical or linguistic abilities. Those who are musically or artistically gifted. There are even those who excel at social or interpersonal dynamics.

And then there are those who are good at working with their hands.

Dr. Eric George is a world renowned hand surgeon based in New Orleans, Louisiana, but his abilities and reach go much further. He is also a venture capitalist. He is a real estate investor. He is an author, a philanthropist, a father and a husband. And he is a proud Son of Marshall.

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Together We Rise: How Marshall Rises Impacts Students

Thanks to the generous support of donors, Marshall Rises is making quite an impact already in the student community.

Students are choosing to attend Marshall University because they see the opportunities for growth and potential.



They see a university that has spent more than a decade rewarding students through scholarships, building new facilities, expanding and creating nationally recognized programs, recruiting and retaining talented professors and establishing partnerships with city, state and regional leaders to find reliable solutions that lead to increased safety in our neighborhoods.

Students see dedication and perseverance when they look at Marshall. They see our loyal supporters and how they continue to give back so that students are equipped to enter the job force upon graduation. They appreciate the encouragement from their Marshall Family and strive to pay it forward like you have done for them.

Students are the reason we are striving to create innovative learning spaces, strengthen our research efforts and grow our reputation. They are the future of our state, our country and our world. What we instill in them will enable the next generation to rise.

There are five pillars to Marshall Rises, the university's most ambitious comprehensive campaign: Enhancing the Student Experience, Expanding Academics and Growing our Reputation, Forming a Foundation of Research and Creative Discovery, Deepening Community Partnerships and Engagement and Creating an Environment of Innovative Learning.

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Ohio Valley Bank Makes Gift For New College of Business

Ohio Valley Bank recently made a \$50,000 gift in support of Marshall University's new College of Business facility, which will be constructed at 4th Avenue and 15th Street. Construction will begin soon, as the Marshall University's Board of Governors recently approved the off-campus location, further expanding Marshall University into downtown Huntington and the local business sector.

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Around Campus

Department of Geology receives \$1 million; to participate in international competition



Marshall University has received a \$1,040,850 Kingdom Geoscience software package from IHS Markit, an international company that provides information, analytics and solutions to clients in a variety of sectors. Now Marshall students will have access to these tools as part of their hands-on education and faculty will be able to conduct and present research at a more advanced and technical level.

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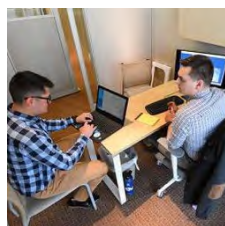
Board of Governors approves purchase of airplanes for planned aviation program



The Marshall University Board of Governors approved the purchase of three airplanes for its planned aviation program. Two Cirrus SR-20 airplanes are state-of-the-art, small planes ideal for student training, according to Marshall officials. The Cirrus planes are fully instrumented and have a variety of sophisticated features, including a whole airframe parachute that, when deployed, will safely lower the plane to the ground.

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Brad D. Smith Business Incubator welcomes tenants



The Marshall University Brad D. Smith Business Incubator is ready to help fledgling businesses take the next step. The business incubator, housed in the Visual Arts Center in downtown Huntington, assists entrepreneurs and business

Marshall-ECU football game moved to "Week Zero" to honor victims of 1970 plane crash



Marshall and East Carolina's football game, originally scheduled for September 5 in Greenville, N.C., has been moved up to "Week Zero", the two schools announced Thursday. The game will now be played Saturday, August 29 and will be carried

professionals get their ideas and business models off the ground. Two local groups are taking advantage of the space to develop new businesses they feel could help the community.

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on a national broadcast. The two schools have been forever linked since the tragic crash of Southern Airways Flight 932 on Nov. 14, 1970, which claimed the lives of all 75 aboard following ECU's 17-14 home victory earlier that afternoon.

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Alumni News and Member Benefits



Travel With The Herd

Membership with the Marshall University Alumni Association comes with a whole host of great member benefits. One of those benefits is discounts on travel - from car rentals to hotels to luxurious cruises! Check out these amazing upcoming travel opportunities for Herd Alums and check our website for additional details!

Gaelic Inspiration

Dublin-Dublin
June 12-22, 2020

Mediterranean Vistas

Rome-Barcelona
June 16-27, 2021

Gems of the Danube

Nuremberg-Budapest
May 14-24, 2021

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Take Our Alumni Engagement Survey

What do you want out of your alumni experience? Love alumni events? Want to see more speakers or chapter activities in your area? Interested in additional member benefits? We want to know! Take this brief alumni engagement survey and let us know how the Marshall University Alumni Association can better serve you!

[Take The Survey](#)



March 5-8

Marshall Artists Series: International Film Festival

March 5-8 @ Check Times
Keith-Albee Theater
Huntington, WV

[TICKETS](#)



March 7

Alumni Night: Charlotte Hornets vs. Houston Rockets

Sat., March 7 @ 5:00 pm
Spectrum Center
Charlotte, NC

[TICKETS](#)



March 11-14

Conference USA Basketball Tournament

March 11-14 @ Check Times
Ford Center
Frisco, Texas

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March 14

TEDxMarshallU

Sat., March 14 @ 5:00 pm
Stephenson Auditorium
Huntington, WV

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March 14

HerdCon 2020

Sat., March 14 @ 9:00 am
Memorial Student Center
Huntington, WV

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March 21

Alumni Night: Houston Rockets vs. Chicago Bulls

Sat., March 21 @ 8:00 pm
Toyota Center
Houston, TX

[TICKETS](#)



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MARSHALL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SEPT. 5	@ ECU
SEPT. 12	PITTSBURGH
SEPT. 19	@ OHIO
SEPT. 26	BOISE STATE
OCT. 3	RICE
OCT. 10	@ WHU
OCT. 17	@ LA TECH
OCT. 24	FAU
OCT. 31	@ FIU
OPEN	-
NOV. 14	MTSU
NOV. 21	CHARLOTTE
NOV. 28	@ OLD DOMINION

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