

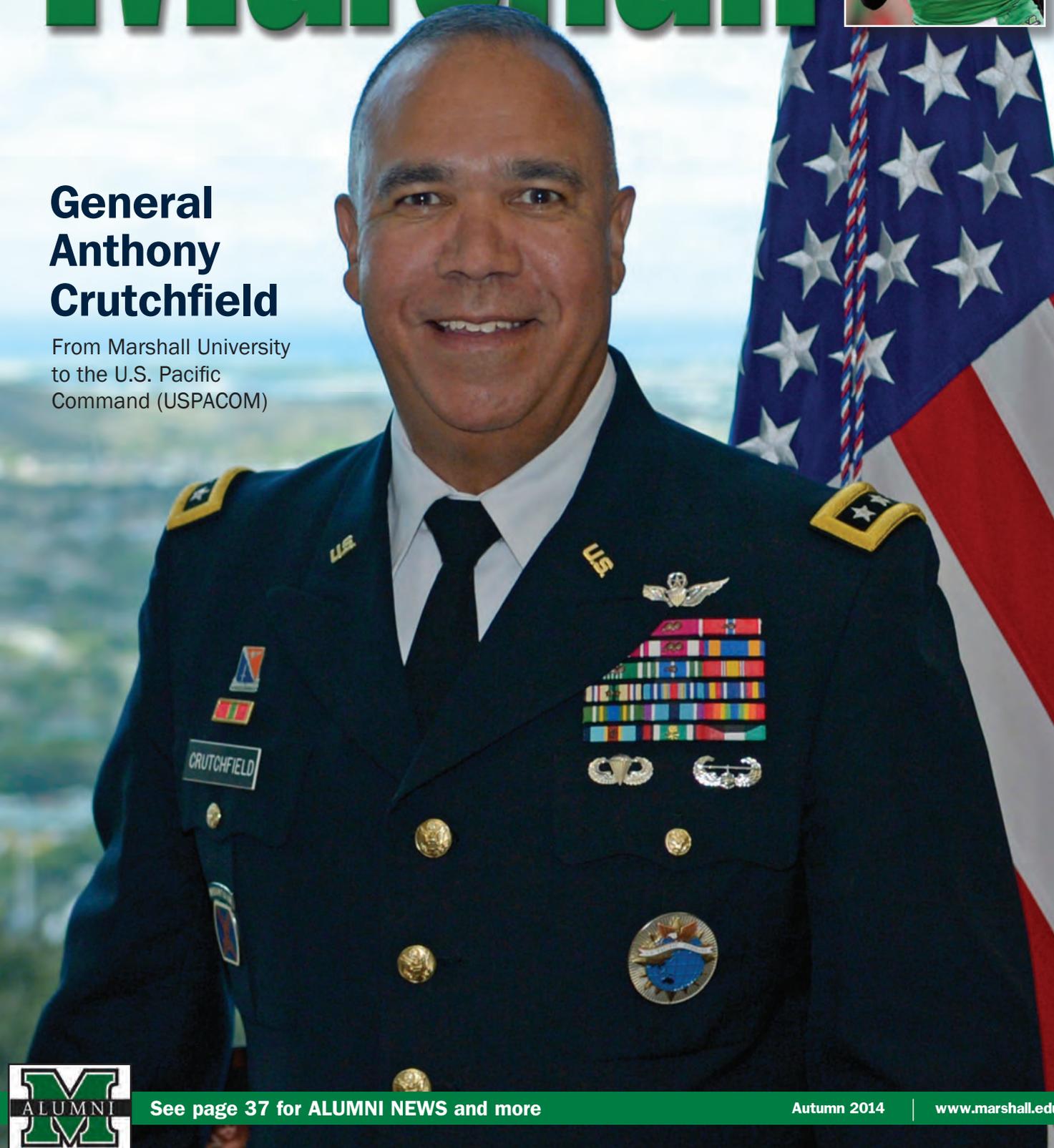
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## General Anthony Crutchfield

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# Summer with President Kopp



President Kopp presents West Virginia University President E. Gordon Gee with an art glass plate made by Colby Sweetser, a recent Bachelor of Fine Arts graduate from Marshall. Kopp gave Gee a tour of the Huntington campus and the two discussed West Virginia's higher education issues.



President Kopp addresses high school sophomores from West Virginia attending the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar on the Huntington campus.



From left, Executive Director of Alumni Relations Matt Hayes and President and Mrs. Kopp talk with Bill Eaton at the annual Crabfest in Maryland. Phyllis Eaton, Bill's wife, is a Marshall alumna and the couple has hosted the Crabfest for nine years.



President Kopp speaks with Gayle Manchin, president of the West Virginia Board of Education, at a luncheon Kopp hosted to discuss the future of K-12 public education in West Virginia.



President Kopp congratulates Joe Wortham, who was recognized as Marshall's Employee of the Year in June.

President Kopp meets some INTO Marshall students in one of their summer classes.



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# Reaching for the Stars

Distinguished Military Graduate Anthony Crutchfield promoted to Lieutenant General.

**I**t's a long way from a Marshall University classroom to one of the top assignments in America's military, but that's the journey Anthony Crutchfield has taken.

Crutchfield began his military career in 1982, when he graduated from Marshall as a Distinguished Military Graduate and received his Regular Army commission. His first assignment as a freshly minted lieutenant: Commanding an Army aviation platoon at Fort Hood, Texas.

By James E. Casto





“ My father believed in discipline and hard work and instilled those same values in me. ”



Today, 32 years later, he wears three stars on each shoulder of his uniform, emblematic of his rank as a lieutenant general and his role as deputy commander of the U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM) at Camp H.M. Smith in Hawaii.

A giant hunk of global real estate, USPACOM covers nearly half of the earth's surface, stretching from the West Coast of the continental United States to the western border of India, and from Antarctica to the North Pole. Approximately 333,000 military and civilian personnel are assigned to USPACOM. That's one-fifth of the total U.S. military fighting force.

“On the day I graduated from Marshall, I never thought I'd spend more than a few years in uniform,” Crutchfield said. “I never thought I would learn to pilot an Apache helicopter. I never thought I would find myself leading soldiers into combat. And, of course, I never thought I would one day be a general.”

Crutchfield was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, where his father, Joseph Crutchfield Sr. was serving in the Air Force. Leaving the service, the senior Crutchfield went to work for IBM, first in Roanoke, Virginia, then later in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The general said he owes much of his success to his parents, Joseph and Ethel. “My father believed in discipline and hard work and instilled those same values in me,” Crutchfield said. “As a teenager, I wanted an expensive pair of Chuck Taylor athletic shoes, and of course they got them for me. It was only years later, as an adult, that I realized how much they had to sacrifice

to give me and my brothers and sisters all the things we thought we just had to have.”

In Fayetteville, he met Kim Adkins, who became his high school sweetheart and future bride. Kim's father, Lt. Col. (Retired) Donald Adkins, an Army helicopter pilot and Vietnam veteran, was stationed at nearby Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Later he was transferred to recruiting duties in Beckley, West Virginia. Because Kim was then living in southern West Virginia, she decided to enroll at Marshall University.

And Crutchfield followed his future wife to Marshall.

“You know,” Crutchfield said, “today Marshall uses the slogan ‘Best. Decision. Ever.’ in its advertisements and promotional efforts. I have to tell you that enrolling at Marshall was my own best decision ever – other than asking Kim to be my wife, of course. I want everyone who reads this article to know how much I love her. She's been with me at every step of my career and has never made me feel like I had to choose between her or the Army.”

He and his wife have a grown daughter, Adria, and son, Aaron.

At Marshall, Crutchfield was kept busy hitting the books and courting Kim, but nevertheless found time to work as a disc jockey, both at the campus radio station, WMUL-FM, and downtown at WKEE-FM.

A broadcast journalism major, he has warm praise for husband and wife professors Dottie and Bos Johnson, along with Dr. H. Keith Spears. He also credits his ROTC instructors at Marshall with “seeing something in me that I didn't see in myself. I am in their debt.”

Crutchfield went to flight school at the Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker in 1983, the largest helicopter training installation in the world. Today, he's a Master Army Aviator and is rated to fly the Apache, Blackhawk and Cobra helicopters. He flew

**Though he only expected to spend a few years in uniform, Crutchfield's career has taken him to both coasts of the United States, and has allowed him to serve in countries such as Korea and Afghanistan.**

“ I have to tell you that enrolling at Marshall was my own best decision ever – other than asking Kim to be my wife, of course. ”

an Apache in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and later in Korea.

Crutchfield graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1993. After graduation, he served at Fort Bragg and then in Korea. He attended the U.S. Army War College and was then assigned as a senior aviation trainer at Fort Irwin, California.

In 2003, he assumed command of the 10th Aviation Brigade and was immediately deployed to Afghanistan.

“I can’t begin to tell you how proud I am of the remarkable group of aviators I served with in Afghanistan,” he said. “We didn’t lose a single aircraft to enemy fire in the more than 10 months we were there.”

From 2010 to 2012, Crutchfield was commanding general of the Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker. He followed that with an assignment as chief of staff at the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii, where he now has advanced to deputy commander.

He said he has warm memories of his time at Fort Rucker and the people there – so much so that when it came time to pin on his third star, he flew from Hawaii to Fort Rucker so the ceremony could be staged there.

“I wouldn’t be where I am today without the support I received from the people at Fort Rucker, so I went back to thank them and tell them how much I appreciated their efforts. They did the heavy lifting. They lifted me up.”

In recent years, Crutchfield has maintained close ties with Marshall and Huntington.

In 2010, while visiting in Huntington, he met President Stephen J. Kopp. “The two of us just hit it off from the start and we’ve forged a great relationship.”

At President Kopp’s invitation, Crutchfield was grand marshal of Marshall’s 2011 homecoming parade. He also gave the Oath of Enlistment to approximately 40 new recruits from West Virginia who chose to enlist in the Army.

Following his homecoming visit to campus, he invited a delegation from Marshall’s Integrated Science and Technology Department to visit Fort Rucker to learn how the military is using computer modeling, simulation and digital forensics to enhance training.

Earlier this year, Crutchfield returned to Huntington to speak to local business leaders attending the annual dinner meeting of the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce.

In his remarks, Crutchfield emphasized the role his Marshall education played in his rise through the ranks of the military.

“I owe a lot to Marshall,” he said.

But the general used much of this time at the podium to urge his audience to hire veterans. The unemployment rate for vets is already higher than the national average, he said, and threatens to get worse as the war in Afghanistan winds down and the Army dramatically shrinks in size.

He urged local businesses to make a special effort to include veterans in their hiring. Hiring a vet isn’t just the right thing, he said, it’s the smart thing.

“I’ll tell you what you get when you hire a veteran,” Crutchfield said. “Number one, loyalty. Number two, he or she will be drug-free. Then there are things like honesty and integrity. That’s what you’ll get in your company from day one if you hire a vet.” □

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**Crutchfield followed his future wife, Kim, to Marshall where he majored in broadcast journalism and worked for the campus radio station, WMUL-FM, as well as WKEE-FM downtown. Together, he and Kim have two grown children, Adria and Aaron.**



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James Rouse (left) and Chris Jasperse are among the first to work out in the new facility.





# LEVELING the Playing Field

*Marshall's new indoor athletic facility changes the game for all Herd sports.*

**A**s you're traveling along Huntington's main east-to-west corridor into downtown, the view affords you a drive-by look at a tale of two cities. On the right hand side of Third Avenue sits the dormant ACF plant - a hulking, yet faded, relic of the city's once-proud manufacturing past. A half block ahead on the left sits Marshall's new indoor practice facility - a gleaming showpiece for Marshall's Athletics Department that any school in the country would be proud of.

By Keith Morehouse  
Photos by Rick Lee



“It’ll be as good as or better than any indoor facility in America” Marshall Athletics Director Mike Hamrick said. “Herm Edwards (former NFL coach and now ESPN analyst) said it was as good as any NFL facility he’s seen.”

Hamrick isn’t asking you to take his word for it. You should see for yourself. Inside the sprawling 108,000-square-foot building (about the same size as an entire Home Depot store), there’s a little something for every athlete on campus. It will include a full-sized indoor football field surrounded by an eight-lane regulation running track, a sports medicine translational research center, an academic support center and a Marshall Athletics Hall of Fame wing.

“It’s one-stop shopping,” Hamrick said. “You can train, you can get your academics, you can rehab your injuries, you can get strength and conditioning because the weight room is built into the whole complex. You can see the history of tradition of Marshall University. If I’m a mom [or] dad and I bring my kid in there, I’m excited.”

It’s all part of the Vision Campaign that Hamrick has been championing as the key to Marshall’s athletic future. The \$25 million facility will give Herd athletes access to athletic training, medical diagnostics and treatment areas, as well as academic support all under one considerably large roof.

Two sports that have been shortchanged for so long at Marshall will be the biggest beneficiaries of the train-

The new indoor athletic facility includes the indoor football field, a medical research center, a conditioning center and academic support center.



ing opportunities here. Neither the track team nor the baseball team has a permanent place to call home. But this can easily serve as home base.

In fact, because of the design, Jeff Small's track athletes can practice the 400 meter run, Matt Grobe's golfers can hit balls into retractable nets and Jeff Waggoner's baseball players can take batting practice in portable cages that lower from the ceiling. If need be, that could all happen simultaneously. It's quite an upgrade from staging track practices on the concourse at the Henderson Center, or having infielders taking ground balls in the gym at Gullickson Hall.

"Weather's always been an issue," Waggoner said. "We're a northern school in a southern conference.

We're not going to lose because of the weather now. Track, baseball, golf - with the nets coming down, you're going to be able to have three or four teams in there at once. We have a chance where we can almost play a full game inside. I can't imagine a better facility."

For football coach Doc Holliday, it will be the first stop when his recruits come to campus. Because, like it or not, there's a "wow" factor in recruiting. Before this facility came about, Marshall recruited largely through its brand name and on game days. Now the name, and the face of this new facility, will grab recruits' attention.

"Kids buy with their eyes," Holliday said. "So, when they walk on campus now what they're going to see is



The size of the new facility will allow football practice to take place indoors if necessary.

the nicest indoor facility in America. It's taken us from last to first in this conference."

While others will be wowed by the glitz and glamour of the facility, Coach Holliday said the practicality of it can make a big difference on football Saturdays.

"You can't measure how much that means to us," Holliday said of the ability to go indoors. "If you have a Tuesday or a Wednesday and you have lightning, if you get a bad afternoon where you can't get out there, you're basically losing a day of practice. You don't have to worry now because you can just go in."

For a school the size of Marshall, keeping up with football bluebloods has never really been a fair fight. But this facility can more than hold its own, whether you live in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, or Columbus, Ohio.

"I've never been to a place where you can actually play and function in an indoor facility except here," Holliday said. "We didn't have it at Florida, didn't have it at N.C. State. The playing surface is bigger than what ours is here at 'the Joan.'"

When fans from visiting schools walk past the facility, they will have no trouble remembering they're walking where the bison roam. The plan for the front of the building will feature three life-size bison on a granite water fountain. That sparkle alone will cost \$1 million. In September, Marshall will personally thank the donors for their generosity by inviting them to a ribbon cutting ceremony.

"I'm proud of the people who stepped up and made it happen," Hamrick said. "Did I know it could happen, no, but did I know we'd give it our best shot? Yes. When I got Mike D'Antoni on board and Chad Pennington on board, it was a snowball effect and that snowball's still rolling. It's not over yet."

Why doubt the man. Mike Hamrick has shown his vision stretches far and wide, way beyond Third Avenue. □

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# FALL FEVER

## Your best bets for fall football action both near and far

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“Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.”  
- F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*.

Those words could just as easily have come out of Knute Rockne’s mouth than from the pages of one of the great novels in American literature. But no phrase could ring truer for college football fans. You don’t even need to look at the calendar. You can smell it in the air when the aroma of burgers and bratwurst wafts through a tailgate parking lot. You can hear it when the band marches in cadence with a rousing rendition of the fight song. October and November is when college football rules supreme.

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By Keith Morehouse

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Herd fans looking to get away for the weekend can follow the team to Norfolk, Virginia, Oct. 4, which is just a few hours from Virginia Beach and the Outer Banks.

**SATURDAY**

October

**4**

## @ Old Dominion

For Marshall fans, October kicks off a stretch of conference games that will decide their postseason fate. It all begins against a school Marshall's never played before in football, in a stadium the team has never seen. The Old Dominion Monarchs welcome Marshall to S.B. Ballard Stadium in Norfolk on October 4th. By early August, Marshall's allotment of 1,000 tickets to the game was already sold out. Why the intrigue? Certainly Norfolk's proximity to Virginia Beach (half-hour drive) and to the beaches of the outer banks (two-hour drive) makes it a great road trip. It's Old Dominion's first game at the Football Bowl Subdivision level and first ever game in Conference USA. They will be out to prove they belong. Plus they've got a quarterback in Taylor Heinicke who put up Rakeem Cato-like numbers last year.

**SATURDAY**

October

**11**

## Middle Tennessee

"The Marshall game was a turning point in our season last year." (*Rick Stockstill – Middle Tennessee Head Coach*)

Those words should be enough to fire up Marshall fans on Homecoming at Edwards Stadium. While the alumni will congregate at various Huntington hotspots throughout the weekend, the Herd football team will be intent on revenge. Last year in Murfreesboro,

**SATURDAY**

October

**18**

## @ Florida International

Do you need an excuse to travel to Miami? You can visit the pristine beaches in Key Biscayne, take in the the art deco neighborhoods on Ocean Drive, or sample the electric nightlife in South Beach. Just keep in mind the Miami you see in the Chamber of Commerce publications is a long way from where Rakeem Cato grew up.

Marshall's quarterback is from the Liberty City area of Miami. That he was able to extricate himself from those tough neighborhoods is a testament to his serious commitment to football. Cato's Mother died when he was 12, and his father wasn't around because he was in prison. Ironically, Cato originally committed to play at nearby FIU until his good friend and favorite target, Tommy Shuler, convinced him to come to Marshall with him. This will be the senior quarterback's last game in his hometown as a member of the Herd.

"I think it's special for me to go back home for my last time there," Cato said, "to play college football in Miami so my home fans can see me. But I know we're going down there for business purposes. It's not about me seeing my family. It's a team thing and we're going down there for one reason."

Oh and if you're into college football records, you could watch Cato possibly break a notable one. Russell Wilson, he of the Seattle Seahawks Super Bowl fame, has the collegiate record of throwing a touchdown pass in 38 straight games. Cato comes into the season with 32 straight games with a TD pass. So if he throws one in each of his first six games, and throws one against the Panthers, he would break the record with number 39 in his hometown.

**SATURDAY**  
November  
**15**

## Rice

There is a myriad of reasons for Herd fans to pack the stands at Joan C. Edwards Stadium on November 15th. First and foremost it will be the 44th anniversary of the Marshall plane crash. Doc Holliday already has said the team will wear the 75 on their helmets as they did from the Tulsa game through the rest of the season in 2013. Another big motivator is the Rice Owls come to visit. If you remember, there was a big controversy last year

when Marshall was sent to Houston to play Rice for the Conference USA Championship. At the time, Marshall was getting votes in the USA Today Coaches' poll. But computer models had Rice ranked higher so the Herd had to hit the road. The result: Rice 41 Marshall 24.

"We didn't accomplish all of our goals," Offensive lineman Clint Van Horn said. "The conference championship wasn't close. We just want to get better, try to improve on things, so we can do things we couldn't do last year."

Coach Holliday can't wait for the fans to come along for the ride.

"Our kids love the fan base," Holliday said. "It's evident at home because we don't lose. It's even great to go on the road and you have more fans than they do and they turn it into a home game. We respect our fans, they have great passion. It's the best fan base in America as far as I'm concerned."

So you've got Heisman hype with Rakeem Cato, a team ranked in the preseason Top 25 by Sports Illustrated, all setting up for a year that could be as memorable as they come.

Maybe F. Scott Fitzgerald was talking about football season. □

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Miami is a versatile vacation destination for any fans looking to hit the beach or experience the city's night life when the Herd visits Oct. 18.

By Ruth Rose • Photo by Mike Powers



# A MOMENT IN TIME

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Most photographs don't measure up to that, but the one university videographer Mike Powers took at Spring Hill Cemetery June 27 certainly does. Powers, who was filling in for university photographer Rick Hays, found himself at the right place and the right time.

"There are occasions when I have the opportunity to capture a special moment in time. I looked through the lens and it was just there," Powers said with emotion.

The photo of the football players and Head Coach Doc Holliday taking time to reflect at the Marshall Memorial speaks volumes about what makes this program so different than any other in the country. This powerful image, as well as the people lost on Nov. 14, 1970, will never be forgotten.



# Renewed FOCUS

The research mission of two Marshall professors gives thousands the edge against cancer.

Cancer rates are rising nationwide. In West Virginia alone, 3,600 new Medicaid cancer cases are diagnosed each year. Doctors choose drugs to treat cancer based largely by trial and error, searching until they find the right medicine for each tumor and each patient. This process not only results in the possible delay of effective treatment, but in unnecessary side effects and tremendous expense.

A collaborated effort between two researchers at Marshall University, Dr. Pier Paolo Claudio, associate professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, and Dr. Jagan Valluri, professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, has produced technology with the potential to revolutionize how cancer

is treated. ChemoID Assay testing allows doctors to personalize cancer treatment by predicting the drugs that will be most effective in treating a specific tumor.

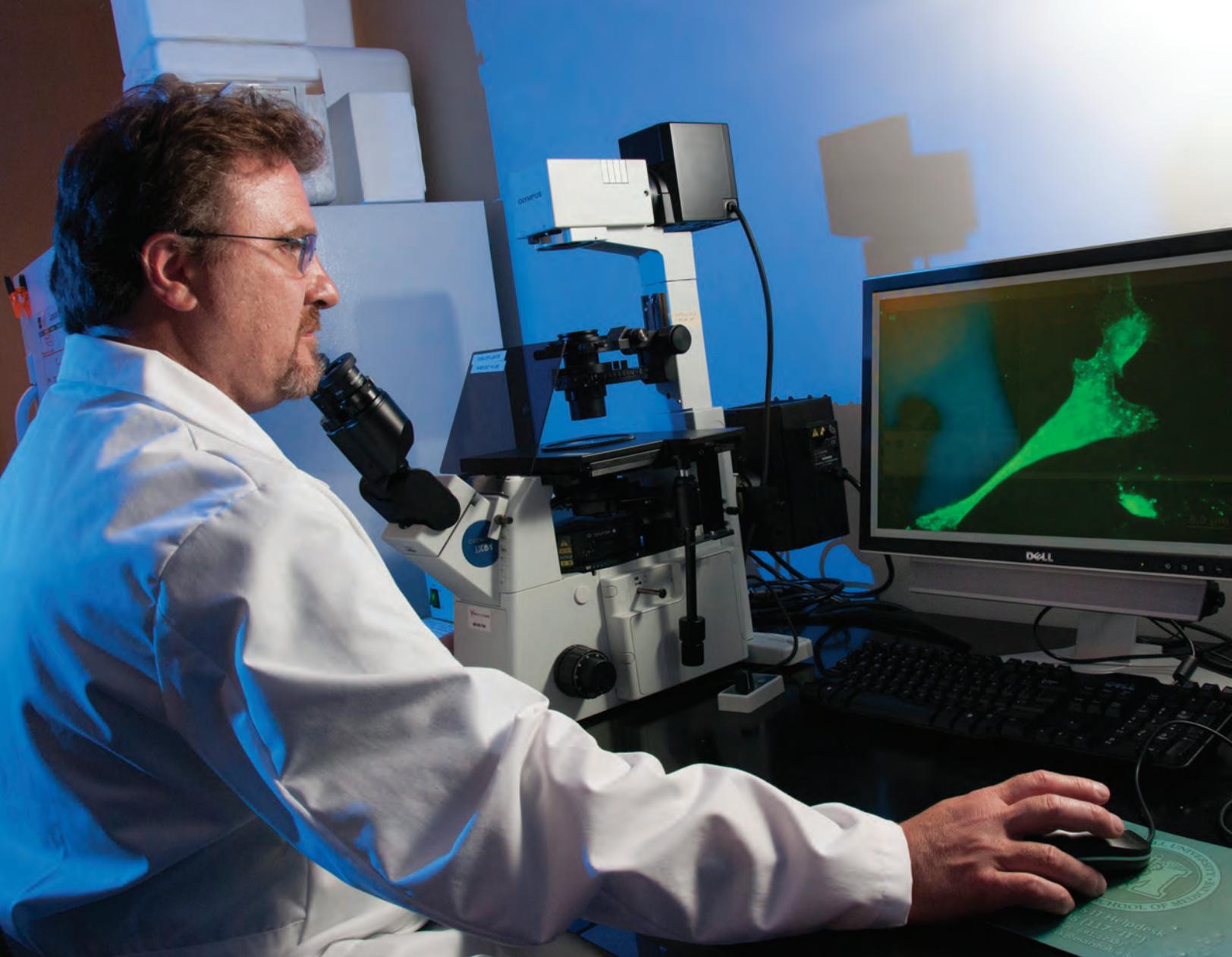
“Oncologists every day face many challenges in determining the best course of therapy for an individual cancer patient,” Claudio said. “The basic problem is that patients with similar diagnoses don’t always respond to the same chemotherapy. This technology we have developed could help physicians select the appropriate chemotherapy for an individual patient—giving them an edge in the fight against cancer.”

ChemoID tests samples of tumor cells to determine which therapies are most effective. It also tests samples of the cancer stem cells that are the root of tumors,

By Molly McClennen

Dr. Jagan Valluri's and Dr. Pier Paolo Claudio's work shows how the research mission of Marshall University benefits West Virginia and the world.





**Together, Claudio (above) and Valluri have developed ChemoID, which is designed to help doctors choose the best method of treatment for their patients.**

reducing the chance that tumors will recur. The process uses cultures grown from these samples to determine how many of each type of cell are killed by various chemotherapies. This information can then be used to prescribe a customized treatment plan for the cancer patient. While further testing of ChemoID is needed, small-scale, clinical trials conducted at the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center found that ChemoID predicted the most effective combination of drugs on brain tumors with 100 percent accuracy. This success indicates that ChemoID has the potential to greatly reduce the cost of treating cancer while positively affecting the lives of thousands of cancer patients.

“ChemoID allows doctors to move away from generalized cancer treatments and select medicines that the specific tumors are very sensitive to. This improves the patient’s prognosis,” said Dr. Uma Sundaram, vice dean for clinical and translational sciences at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

The ChemoID project is a classic example of the interdisciplinary research universities produce. Valluri and Claudio began developing ChemoID 10 years ago, after a serendipitous conversation about their research interests that took place on the pedestrian bridge connecting the College of Science and the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center. That bridge between the

two buildings was designed to promote research collaborations between the professors working in the two buildings. ChemoID is proof of its effectiveness.

“Dr. Claudio and I are scientists involved in translational oncology,” Valluri said. “I was more of a cellular biologist, interested in how cells become cancerous. We combined that knowledge with the clinical tools that Dr. Claudio was using in his lab. The project just gelled, and I believe that was the intent behind building the bridge between the College of Science and the Biotech building.”

The ChemoID project also exemplifies the value of collaborations between basic scientists, who conduct research in a laboratory, and translational or applied

scientists, who apply research to real-world problems. Interdisciplinary research used for practical purposes is a hallmark of the research conducted by faculty at Marshall University and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

“We want to take research from the lab to the bedside to the community,” Sundaram said. “We need to be doing clinically relevant research for the patients we take care of. That is what has happened with ChemoID. It started in a lab and now has moved to the bedside.”

A partnership with the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center and Cabell Huntington Hospital now makes ChemoID commercially available to cancer patients around the world. The lab where the tests are

**Valluri (below) and Claudio's collaboration stems from a conversation that took place on the bridge connecting the College of Science and the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center.**



conducted also will produce jobs for the Tri-State region, including jobs for several Marshall graduates who worked in the labs of Dr. Claudio and Dr. Valluri as ChemoID Assay testing was being developed.

“Research stimulates economic development,” said Dr. John Maher, vice president for research at Marshall University. “Professors and students find something interesting based on their intellectual curiosity and then figure out what benefit it can deliver to the world. People then become interested in investing in the project and turning it into a commercial enterprise. What Dr. Claudio and Dr. Valluri have done is a wonderful type of commercial enterprise because it offers new insight into how to treat cancer most effectively. Dr. Claudio and Dr. Valluri discovered how their technology can deliver benefit and value to humanity.”

ChemoID is evidence of how a renewed focus on the research mission of Marshall University is benefiting West Virginia and the world in very tangible ways, by creating jobs and advancing medical treatment. It is just one of the many research projects being produced by Marshall faculty and students, each with the potential to make a great contribution to society.

“The development of ChemoID is an encouraging sign that 15 years of hard work in developing a research enterprise at Marshall have paid off,” Maher said. “There are a lot of people like Dr. Claudio and Dr. Valluri at Marshall, working to solve problems of human society.” □

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# A WINNING

Dr. Joseph Shapiro’s personality and intelligence make him the perfect leader for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

**D**r. Joseph Shapiro has worked hard to improve research and communication, among other things, at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine since becoming dean in July 2012, and because of the standards he has set, the school’s future now looks brighter than ever.

The addition of new staff and research-focused faculty, done under Shapiro’s direction, has led to growth.

“We’ve brought in new fund researchers that have increased our number of RO 1 grants,” Shapiro said. “We’ve also done a number of things with the practice plans and our major teaching hospitals that have increased our clinical body of work, and dramatically raised the number of scholarships because of the generosity of our alumni and community support. I’m gratified by the progress that we’ve made in these areas thus far.”

Most significant, though, is the change in communication style.

“We’ve modified our approach from dealing with matters behind the scenes to discussing them openly with the public and each other,” Shapiro said.

“He wants everyone - including alums, which has made a noticeable difference in our fundraising - to be involved, engaged and concerned about what is best for the School of Medicine overall,” said Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs for the school.

With more than 30 years of practice in internal medicine and nephrology at other universities, Shapiro has brought vast amounts of skill to the role of dean.

# COMBINATION

By Dawn Nolan

“He is brilliant,” Holmes said. “Dr. Shapiro has had experiences across the board in medical education and has done a remarkable job of bringing everyone together as a team.”

Add in Shapiro’s likeable personality with his intelligence, and you have a winning combination.

“He has a great sense of humor and is extremely knowledgeable,” Holmes said. “I’ve never had a discussion with him surrounding a topic that he doesn’t know something about.”

Outside of work, Shapiro’s main interest is his family. His wife, Mary, was an ICU nurse and hospital administrator, and he has two daughters – one is a medical student at the University of Toledo, where Shapiro spent a large portion of his career, and the other is a Chinese major at Ohio State University who recently completed an educational experience in China.

He also is very focused on fitness.

“I tried real hard for a long time to be an athlete,” Shapiro said. “I work out a lot. At one point in my life I was able to bench press 500 pounds, but not so much anymore.”

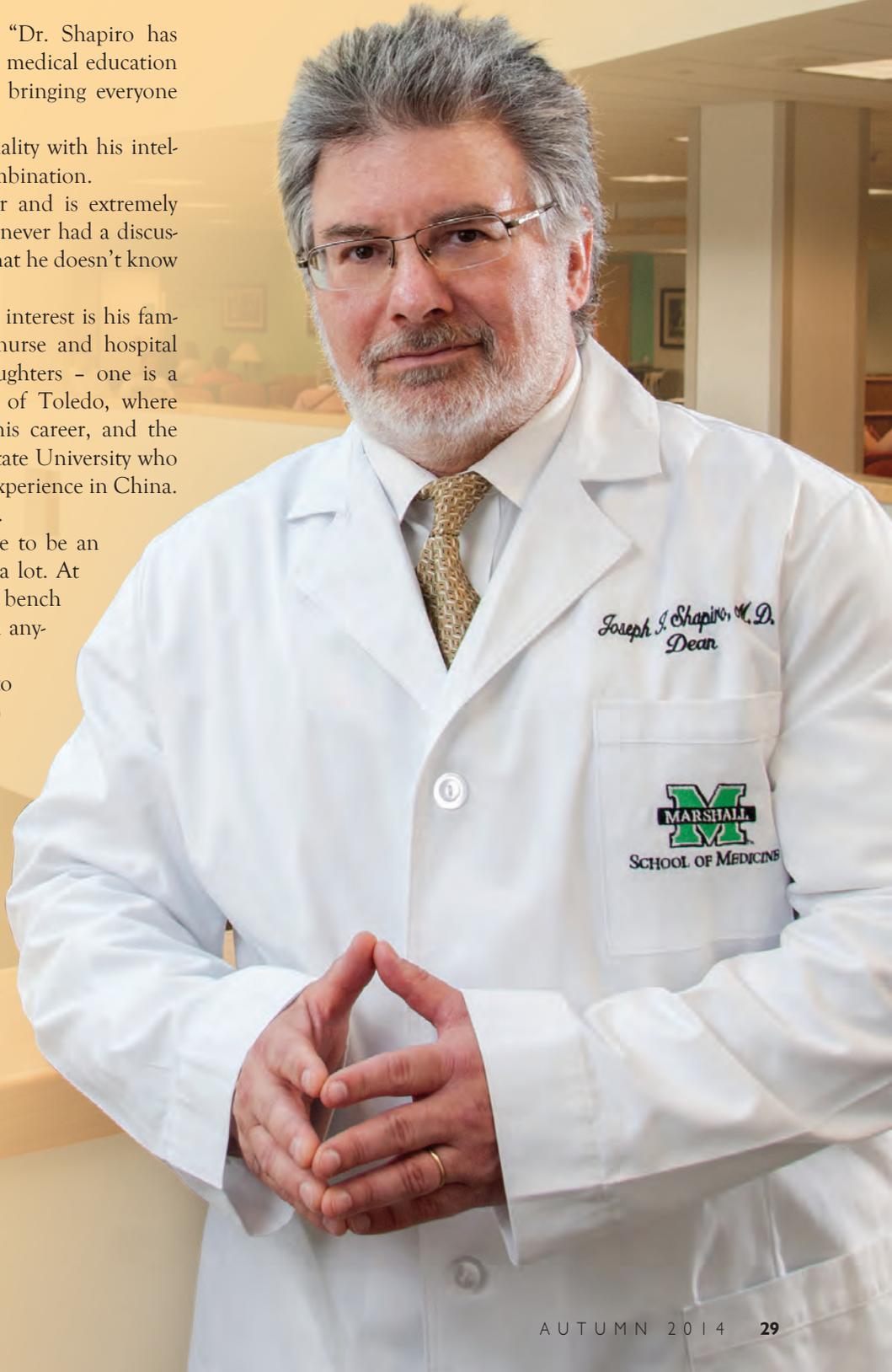
For the future, Shapiro hopes to continue to expand relationship efforts with other hospitals and physicians in the area.

“Dr. Shapiro is a big promoter of collaboration and the opportunity to provide the best education and care in this area,” Holmes said. “He is always looking down the road.”

“I am inspired by and committed to the mission of this medical school,” Shapiro said. “It is challenging, but also rewarding to hopefully be part of the solution that turns things around.” □

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# A New B





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## Visual Arts Center Connects Marshall to Downtown Huntington

By James E. Casto

Marshall's visual arts programs have a new home in downtown Huntington on Third Avenue.



**D**on Van Horn, dean of Marshall University's College of Arts and Media, predicts the university's new Visual Arts Center in downtown Huntington eventually will prompt the Marshall arts program to double its enrollment.

"That doubling isn't going to happen overnight," Van Horn said, "but will develop over the next five to 10 years. The center will provide us with badly needed space for new programs that in turn will attract new students."

"We've never been able to consider program development because we haven't had anywhere to put them," he said. "This building represents an opportunity to not just add more students, but to add more programs, as well."

More immediately, injecting the center's hundreds of students and faculty members into downtown Huntington is certain to have a positive impact, Van Horn said.

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams said he's thrilled to have the new center open downtown. He describes the opening of the Visual Arts Center as "a transformative event" for the city, one that undoubtedly will help boost downtown's continuing revitalization.

Williams said the new Visual Arts Center builds on the success of Pullman Square and the continuing renovation of retail buildings along Third Avenue.

"One of the things that excites me most is the opportunities that this presents us to have our students in the visual arts become engaged and interactive with the rest of the community," Van Horn said.

The six-floor center, housing eight programs from the School of Art and Design, is located in the former Anderson-Newcomb/Stone & Thomas Department Store building on Third Avenue, directly across from Pullman Square.

It's taken three years and \$13.7 million to renovate the 66,000-square-foot building into a world-class facility.

Van Horn said the building was more or less gutted, and then reinforced with 65 tons of structural steel. Now modern interior spaces have been constructed where shoppers once browsed the aisles of the old department store building.

However, Van Horn said the project's architect, Ed Tucker of Edward H. Tucker Architects Inc., has gone to great lengths to preserve the historic character of the building's exterior.

As an example, Van Horn cited the large wooden-framed windows that dominate the building's Third Avenue façade. Replacing the old frames with new wooden ones wasn't practical, he said, but the new energy-efficient metal frames that have been installed are identical to the old wooden ones.



**Dr. Maribea Barnes (right) conducts an art education class in the new center.**



**Senior Rachel Moyer, who will graduate in December, works on a print-making press.**



Don Van Horn, dean of the College of Arts and Media, describes the renovation process of the building.



Adjunct professor Beth E. Koch works with several graphic design students.



Each floor of the center features a “flex-space” common area for students and faculty.

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– Don Van Horn

*Dean of the College of Arts and Media* ”

The building’s original hardwood floors also were preserved and restored for use.

“By contrasting the old and new in innovative ways, the building’s historic character has been both preserved and transformed,” Tucker said. “Yet above all, our goal has been to create cutting edge art education facilities that are second to none. Such a place will foster growth, improve curriculum delivery, and provide an effective recruitment tool for students and faculty alike.”

A display of photographs and artifacts located just inside the renovated building’s front entrance will trace its century-old retail history. Over the years, the building changed hands – and names – but remained a familiar fixture for generations of Huntington shoppers.

The building originally was built as a three-story structure in 1902, with three more floors added in 1920. For decades, it was home to the locally owned Anderson-Newcomb Co.

Generally considered the city’s leading department store, Anderson-Newcomb recorded many local “firsts” during its long history. It was the first store in Huntington to have a horse-drawn delivery wagon, and later the first to trade the horse and wagon for a truck. It was the city’s first store with an elevator, the first to give its employees paid vacations and the first to install a telephone switchboard.

In 1970, the Wheeling-based Stone & Thomas chain purchased the store but continued to operate it under the Anderson-Newcomb name. In 1980, the Anderson-Newcomb name was removed from the store and the Stone & Thomas name substituted for it.

In 1996 Stone & Thomas announced the store’s closure. The building remained vacant and unused until Marshall purchased it.

Marshall paid \$750,000 for the building, which Van Horn described as little more than “four walls, floors and dead pigeons” when the university purchased it. The school then issued \$9 million in bonds to finance the renovation project, with the remaining \$4 million being covered by private donations.

Dr. Ron Area, Marshall’s senior vice president for development and CEO of the Marshall Foundation, believes it’s critically important for the community to invest in the new center.

“That investment will come back tenfold,” Area said.

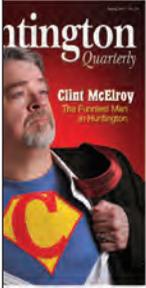
The renovated building includes smart lighting, highly efficient heating and cooling and Wi-Fi throughout. The ground floor features retail space and a 2,200-square-foot gallery with upwards of 150 feet of linear display space.

Floors two through five offer interactive classrooms, spacious studios flooded with natural light and versatile flexible space to accommodate various activities. Students using the building will pursue classes in a number of subject areas, including drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, graphic design, electronic media, textiles and fabrics, art history and education.

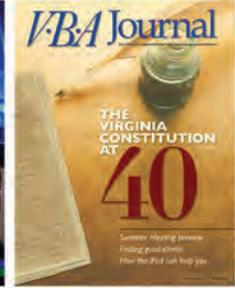
The sixth floor houses the center’s administrative offices – and offers a spectacular view of downtown Huntington. □

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YOUR ALUMNI CONNECTION

## A MESSAGE FROM BERNARD "BERNIE" COSTON

*MUAA National President, Class of '79*



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Fall is in the air and Marshall is bustling with activities both now and in the months to come. We need each of you to remain committed to the university and all that it has to offer.

Our Alumni Board met in July and we are excited about representing each of you in the coming year. We welcome nine new members along with 20 returning elected members who make up this year's board. If you have thoughts or ideas for programs, please contact us through the Alumni Association. We would love to hear from you. Last year was good but this year will be great.

Homecoming 2014 is in full gear. This year's theme of "Marco's Favorite Heroes and Toughest Villains" will certainly bring out the imagination of all who participate. Mark your calendar for Oct. 11 and come prepared to experience a menagerie of costumes. Don't forget the numerous activities occurring on the Huntington campus. This includes the parade, decorating contests, picnic, MUBA activities and tailgate. Did I forget to mention our outstanding football team? Continue to support our football team with "Herd Fever" by being at the stadium or through local watching parties. Let's cheer them on!

Alumni Weekend will be held again next April. We will continue in the strong tradition of honoring the heritage and accomplishments of outstanding alumni. Please take time to nominate alumni; an application form is in this edition of the magazine. Class of 1965, please mark your calendars and make plans to come home and be a part of the Alumni Weekend festivities. Special events are planned to honor each of you and we will contact you in the coming months.

The fall of 2014 is very exciting. The new Visual Arts Center is a state-of-the-art facility that can rival any visual arts program worldwide. The Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex is nearing completion and it will be a catalyst in moving MU forward in the engineering arena. The indoor athletic facility is moving along at a rapid pace. These are a few examples of programs you can support to give your "treasure" back to Marshall. No amount is too small.

Again, your alumni board is here to serve and we encourage you to contact us with any suggestions for program improvements. Thanks for all your support and "Let's Go Herd!"

Bernie Coston

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# Marshall University Alumni Association Board of Directors Nomination Form

The Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for 10 of its 30 elected positions on the Board of Directors. The term of office is three years beginning July 1, 2015.

**Qualifications:**

- Must be an active member of the Alumni Association through an annual gift to the Marshall University Foundation Inc.
- Be energetic and enthusiastic in support of the university and concerned with its growth and potential.
- Be available to attend three on-campus board meetings during the year, and be willing to assist in his/her home area in promoting Marshall and the Alumni Association.
- Nominations must be received by January 15, 2015 to the Office of Alumni Relations
- Attach nominee's curriculum vitae/resume.

Please complete this biographical form in conjunction with your nominee in order to provide the nominating committee with the necessary information to assist them in the selection process.

Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Reasons for Nomination \_\_\_\_\_  
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Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Class \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Years served on Board (*list dates if previously served*) \_\_\_\_\_

We are very interested in how the nominee serves his or her community, and any professional awards received. Include civic groups the nominee belongs to, volunteerism and community service projects in which the nominee has been involved, honors and awards he or she has received, and professional organizations in which the nominee is a member (please list all pertinent information to assist the nomination committee, including dates and offices held).

Only a maximum of five items would be listed on the ballot. Please list in order of preference.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Self-nominations will be accepted. The MUAA Nomination and Election Committee will screen the nominations and select no fewer than 10 or more than 20 for the ballot to run for the 10 director's positions. You can return your nomination by e-mailing it as an Adobe PDF document to [ellis77@marshall.edu](mailto:ellis77@marshall.edu), faxing it to (304) 696-2299 or mailing it to: MUAA Board Nominations, Erickson Alumni Center, One John Marshall Dr., Huntington, WV 25755-6200

**For more information, call the Alumni Association at 304-696-2901.**



# MARSHALL HOMECOMING!!

MARCO'S FAVORITE HEROES AND TOUGHEST VILLAINS

Mark your calendar for Oct. 11th as Marshall takes on Middle Tennessee.

MARCO will be on hand as we find out who his favorite heroes and toughest villains are! We know Marco can defeat anyone and with your help we can make this the best Homecoming ever!

It's your opportunity to wear your green, show your Marshall pride, reunite with old friends, and reminisce about your days at MU. If you haven't been to the Huntington campus for a while, you will be amazed at the changes at your alma mater.

There is an entire week of activities planned for Homecoming week. Please mark your calendar to attend as many events as possible.



## ★ Monday, Oct. 6

All campus offices are asked to decorate using the theme for Homecoming. These offices will be judged and prizes will be awarded at the Friday, Oct. 10, Picnic on the Plaza.

### ANNUAL WE ARE FAMILY UNITY CELEBRATION WALK

5 p.m.

All students, teams, organizations, residence halls, faculty, staff and community members are invited to walk the campus perimeter. Homecoming Court candidates will be announced, and there will be food, banner awards and entertainment.

## ★ Thursday, Oct. 9

Office decoration judging will begin at 9 a.m.

## ★ Friday, Oct. 10

### MU SPIRIT DAY

Picnic on the Plaza and Homecoming kickoff. 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Join us on the plaza of the Memorial Student Center for music, games, prizes and lunch...ON US!!! This is the first official event of Homecoming weekend. Help us kick off Homecoming and say a HUGE thank you to the Marshall family and their support of academics, students and the HERD!

This picnic is a tribute to our success as a university and the generosity of the faculty, staff and students who participate in the MU Family Campaign. Our success is because of the dedication of the employees at Marshall University. MU students, faculty and staff are among its greatest assets and part of the reason the university is so successful. Their commitment to their work enables the university to fulfill its responsibilities.

You won't want to miss this fourth annual Picnic on the Plaza, sponsored by the Marshall University Alumni Association and the Office of Development.

★ **Saturday, Oct. 11**

**THE 19TH ANNUAL 5K ALUM RUN**

8 a.m.

This 5K race starts at 8 a.m. on Veterans Memorial Boulevard and ends near Pullman Square. The entry fee is \$20 for early registration and \$25 from Oct. 1 until race day registration. Sponsored by the Marshall University Alumni Association and the Huntington Lions Club. For questions and registration visit [tristateracer.com](http://tristateracer.com) or contact David Specht (SE Lions Club) by e-mail at [specht1@frontier.com](mailto:specht1@frontier.com).

**HOMECOMING PARADE**

**time to be announced**

You won't want to miss MARCO, the cheerleaders, Marshall dignitaries and members of the Homecoming court. Come early and find the perfect spot to enjoy the 2014 Homecoming parade. Sponsored by the Student Government Association. For questions and to participate in the parade, contact Duncan Waugaman at [waugamand@marshall.edu](mailto:waugamand@marshall.edu).

**TAILGATE BLAST**

**time to be announced**

MUAA and the Black Alumni Association are celebrating at 18th Street and Fifth Avenue with a joint tailgate blast. Entertainment will be available. Cost is only \$25.00 per person. Join us and get ready to cheer on the HERD!!!!

MU vs. Middle Tennessee football game - kickoff time to be announced

**OTHER HOMECOMING EVENTS**

MU Black Alumni Association, Inc. will be hosting a variety of events throughout the Homecoming weekend. Contact Fran Jackson at [jacksonf@marshall.edu](mailto:jacksonf@marshall.edu)

Student Activities Office will be hosting events throughout the week. Visit [www.marshall.edu/homecoming](http://www.marshall.edu/homecoming) for a complete listing.

*The Marshall University Alumni Association would like to thank the Huntington Bank for their generous sponsorship of Homecoming.*



**BREAKING NEWS**  
**Justice Family to serve as grand marshals in Homecoming Parade**



Jim Justice, Marshall alum (B.B.A. '74, M.B.A. '76) and owner of The Greenbrier Resort near Lewisburg, West Virginia, will, along with his wife, Cathy (B.A. '75), daughter, Jill ('07), and son, Jay, serve as the grand marshals for the Homecoming parade Saturday, Oct. 11.

Justice has brought The Greenbrier back into the news, with the addition of a new restaurant and casino, and especially a PGA TOUR golf tournament, the first ever in West Virginia. The Greenbrier Classic began in 2010 to rave reviews and has continued to bring professional golfers and their fans to the state. This year, the New Orleans Saints brought some of their training camp activities to new facilities at the resort.

Due to television commitments, the time of the parade and homecoming game are not yet available. Keep an eye on [www.marshall.edu/alumni](http://www.marshall.edu/alumni) for an announcement of the times.



## FRIDAY, OCT. 10

### Registration

3-6 p.m. • Hampton Inn

### Welcome Back Champagne Reception

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. • New Erickson Alumni Center, 5th Ave  
*Guest Saxophonist*

### Laid-Back After Party

9:30 p.m.– 1 a.m. • Don Morris Room – MSC  
*Music by Tand T Productions*

## SATURDAY, OCT. 11

### MUBA Annual Business Meeting

TBA • Memorial Student Center, Room 2w22

### Tailgate with MUAA

TBA • across from Holderby Hall (old South Hall bldg.)

### Game

TBA – GO HERD.....BEAT middle tennessee  
 Black Alumni Green and White Affair Homecoming

### Dance

9 p.m.– 1 a.m. • MSC Basement – room B4/5  
*music by Tand T Productions*

## SUNDAY, OCT. 12

### Prayer Breakfast/Memorial

9 a.m. • Featuring Bishop Fred Brown - TBA

Hospitality Room will be open at various times during the weekend • 1st Floor – Hampton Inn

### Hotel Information

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 304-525-1410 - \$69.95

**Quality Inn** – 3325 Us. Rt. 60 E., Huntington, WV  
 304-525-7001 - \$69.00

*All rooms are under MU Black alumni and all reservations need to be made by September 15, 2014  
 For more information, contact Fran L. Jackson*

# CALLING ALL *Marching Thunder Alumni!*

The new director of the Marching Band, Dr. Adam Dalton, and the Marshall University Alumni Association are trying to locate all Marching Band and Pep Band alumni. We want to celebrate the Marching Thunder and also have a lot of exciting opportunities for you to stay involved. Reunions, parades, performances and festivals ... there is a place for you.

You showed your pride on game day when you were in the band and we want you to continue to show your Marshall pride by continuing to participate in the alumni band program.

Please visit the alumni page on our new website to find out more and sign up for our database, so we can keep you informed of upcoming events and opportunities. Or just say hello! We hope to see you at one of our performances this season!

[www.marshall.edu/band/alumni](http://www.marshall.edu/band/alumni)





# 2015 Alumni Award Nominations

Deadline for submissions is December 6, 2014

The Alumni Association proudly recognizes achievements of distinguished alumni, friends and students by presenting awards at its annual Alumni Awards Banquet. Past honorees have included outstanding educators, successful business people, prominent scientists, sports and entertainment personalities and ordinary people with extraordinary devotion to Marshall.

**The Awards Committee makes its decision based on nominations received on or before December 6, 2014. Nominations received after that date will be considered for 2016.**

**CATEGORIES:**

**Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna:** Given to Marshall alumni for outstanding national achievements in their particular field of endeavor.

**Alumnus/Alumna Community Achievement:** Given to alumni for success in their particular field of endeavor and personal contribution to their respective communities. (A Marshall alumnus/alumna is any former student who has received academic credit at Marshall University and whose class has graduated.)

**Distinguished Service:** Given for loyal and unselfish service to Marshall. This award is NOT limited to Marshall alumni.

**The Young Alumni Award:** Presented to an alum who is 35 years old or younger, is an active member of the Alumni Association, shows outstanding achievement in his or her field of endeavor, has a personal commitment to his or her community and demonstrates service to Marshall University and its students. This award is not open to members of the MUAA board.

**The Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter Faculty Service Award:** Established to recognize contributions and to provide incentives for continued service from faculty to the community, the university and students in their respective fields.

For a list of past award winners or to submit the name of an individual you believe to be qualified as a nominee for one of the awards, go to [www.herdalum.com](http://www.herdalum.com) and go to "Alumni Awards" under the "Who We Are" menu. This nomination form must be received in our office by the above date. The Awards Committee will review the qualifications of nominees and select the recipients.

Award winners will be asked to submit a number of photos for a video presentation during the Awards Banquet. Please make sure the nominee would be willing to submit these photos within two weeks after notification of having won the award. He/she must be able to attend the Alumni Awards Banquet in April.

Please include the following to support your nomination in order to provide the selection committee with as much information as possible:

1. An explanation of how your candidate fulfills the criteria for the award category for which he/she has been nominated;
2. The nominee's vita/résumé, including career highlights, volunteerism, honors and awards, community service, professional organizations, publications, etc.;
3. Letters of nomination detailing personal knowledge of the candidate and his/her personal and professional achievements; and
4. Other supporting documentation, such as copies of magazine and newspaper articles.

\* All categories may not be awarded each year!

I hereby nominate the following person for: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee's Business/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Address: \_\_\_\_\_

My Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

My Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send this form with the documentation indicated above to:**  
 Alumni Awards Nominations  
 Marshall University Alumni Association  
 One John Marshall Drive  
 Huntington, WV 25755-6200



# CRABFEST 2014

The Marshall University Alumni Association, along with the Baltimore and Washington, D.C., clubs cohosted the Ninth Annual Family Crab Fest on Saturday, June 21. Marshall alum and sponsor of this event, Phyllis Eaton '63 and her husband, Bill Eaton (a graduate of Cornell University), graciously open their home in Centreville, Maryland, to all Marshall alumni and friends.



Along with many other picnic goodies, Maryland crabs are on the menu for everyone to enjoy.





Marco watches over the crowd and even poses for photos with some future Marshall alums.



Marshall alum, Alex Wilson with his beautiful four-month-old daughter and future alumna, Mia Rose, celebrate with us at CrabFest.



Another happy group at the Ninth Annual Family CrabFest.

## SPOTLIGHT

By Pat Dickson

# Esther Boyce Corderman

*Writer continues her passion with fifth novel.*

In that halcyon year of 1941, months before the ominous clouds of war would form, Marshall students could gather in the cramped Stawkey Student Union to have a quick snack or soda, buy a pack of Chesterfield cigarettes for pennies, savor an Imperial ice cream cone and, in the case of the guys, puff on a pipe with a studied effort to look scholarly.

For Esther Boyce Corderman, that spring was bitter-sweet. A graduating senior, she had fulfilled a dream her father, John Boyce, a telegrapher for the B & O railroad, had for both her and older sister Edith, who graduated from Marshall in 1935. “My father was ahead of his time; he wanted his daughters to get an education so that we could support ourselves and not depend on getting married and having a husband to support us. It was the Depression and very few people were going to college, but he managed to send both of us to Marshall,” she said. “My father was not only a telegrapher; he also was a barber, shoe cobbler, maker of artistic name plates, a Bible student who wrote sermon outlines and a tract which sold for ten cents a copy, and, for a time in both Moundsville and Parkersburg, he owned a corner grocery.” Sadly, John Boyce died suddenly just two days after he had written her final tuition check, but his wish had been fulfilled. He didn’t get to see her walk across the stage to get her

diploma but he had set in place a foundation and a work ethic that would last throughout her life.

“My father was right. I’ve always believed in work and we worked all our lives. I immediately put my education to good use and helped my mother pay the mortgage on the house my father had just bought.” And today, more than 70 years later and in her ’90s, Corderman, the author of four published novels, is still working.

She’s currently editing her fifth novel, the final wedge of a trilogy that chronicles the life of a young Appalachian girl, Deborah Ames. Readers initially met Ames in Corderman’s first published novel, *For a Dream Cometh*, as she leaves her rural home to attend college. The novel is a snapshot of Ames’ college days, from joining a sorority and enjoying a host of campus activities to later meeting a special young man. A later novel, *Broken Rhapsody*, follows her struggles to become a concert pianist while juggling the attentions of two diverse men, both determined to win her hand. The current novel covers later years and allows faithful followers a glance into Ames’ life, as she transitions from a naïve young woman to a mature heroine facing adult decisions and tribulations.

In addition to the trilogy, Corderman has written two other novels, *Echo From Rose Hill*, a historical account based on the daily diary kept in 1850 by a young woman

who was the granddaughter of the founders of the city of Williamsport, Maryland, and *Out of the Night*, which follows the experiences of a young mountain girl “with problems,” as she sums up succinctly.

About Rose Hill, Corderman explains she became intrigued when she learned that the young girl had written a diary entry every single day in 1850.

“I lived in that area, so I researched it and incorporated the history of Maryland along with the diary. There were romantic elements and it was also a look into how the rich lived on plantations in that day,” she explained.

An avid reader all her life, she’s always loved to write. “When we lived in Moundsville I would sit on the front porch and write stories while I waited for the cute boy who delivered the milk,” she said playfully. “I’ve always written; I used to carry a notebook with me everywhere so I could take notes.”

And while writing was her passion, real life had to go on. She married and had a daughter. She now has two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She spent time in the business world putting the skills she learned at Marshall to use and then found her niche as a teacher, a profession she loved and pursued successfully for many years. Her entry into teaching actually came about when a Marshall advisor helped her secure a position at Logan High School. Later, while living in the Hagerstown, Maryland, area, she also earned a master’s degree from the University of Maryland.



But as strong as her work ethic was, and as lean as the times were during her Marshall years, she made sure there were some fun times as well. “I was a joiner,” she said looking back. “I liked to join things.” For starters, she belonged



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to Alpha Sigma Alpha social sorority; the Chamber of Commerce, which was a business group; and the Panhellenic Society. “There were lots of parties, and most of the clubs had dances. My sorority sisters became my family since I only had one sister.” Corderman played tennis and “was a pretty good player” by her own admission. “Sometimes at midnight, or as late as we could, we’d leave the dorm and walk downtown to have waffles. Sometimes they had chocolate pie as well and oh, I couldn’t resist that. It was a good time to be at Marshall; I enjoyed it all.”

As a student she also took piano lessons, which spun a thread that would ultimately weave itself through much of her fiction. She loves music but lamented, “I wanted to play the piano well but I don’t; my fingers were just as stiff as the keys.” But she found satisfaction by giving several of her fictional characters the talent and dexterity she lacked. That musical motif is particularly prevalent in *Broken Rhapsody*, where the gifted heroine is destined to become a successful concert pianist. Her characters share her great love of music and they play well through the magic of a typewriter, even though by her own admission, their creator does not.

Corderman does indeed still use a typewriter, although she owns a computer which she spurns. She lives independently in Falling Springs, West Virginia, with two cats. Family and good neighbors are nearby. She’s a regular visitor at the local library and drives herself there throughout the week. She writes when she feels the urge. “If I didn’t

write, I’d go crazy. It’s just me and the typewriter,” she said. She’s done her share of traveling, in Europe and throughout the U.S.

And to no one’s surprise, with her love of music, she enjoys opera. When she lived near Baltimore and Washington, D.C., for several years, she was able to indulge her musical passion by attending the Baltimore Lyric Opera.

“I do love opera,” she recalled fondly. “That was a very big thing in my life.”

She credits fellow author and good friend Carlos Rubio, who was a faculty member at Shepherd College, with mentoring and encouraging her. Using her computer, he reshaped the first novel, which she felt was drastically changed by editing, back to its original form, a monumental task, she’ll assure you. In addition, she also credits him with getting *Broken Rhapsody*, which was languishing on her shelf, published.

Her enthusiasm for life is enviable and contagious. She sees each day as a new opportunity, full of promise. She laughs easily and is outgoing and optimistic, brimming with positive thoughts, although her road through life has had its share of bumps and potholes. “The way I look at it, everybody has down days. Maybe today isn’t so good, but tomorrow’s going to get better.”

That’s a sentiment that could have come straight from one of the indomitable heroines she so carefully created and nurtured through the years.



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## Black Alumni Trip

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## 1980s

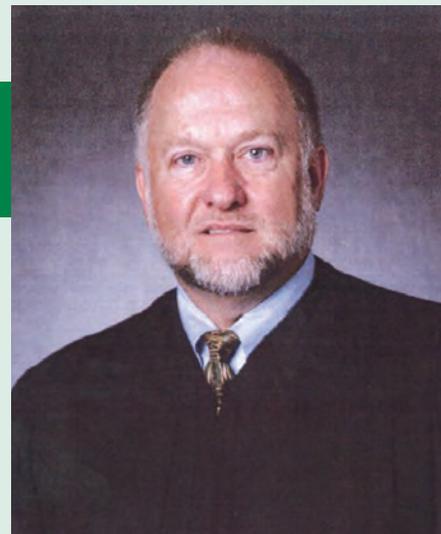
**Timothy Gallagher** ('85) has been hired by Gamers Baseball Academy in Kenilworth, New Jersey, as a baseball coach/instructor. He will manage the 18u team, be assistant coach for the 16u team and work with many of the academy's other teams.

## 2000s

**Stephanie (Humphreys) Snyder** ('06) recently accepted the position as Communication and Marketing Strategist for the University of Albany Alumni Association in Albany, New York.

## The Honorable Darrell Pratt

**(B.A. '75)**



The Honorable Darrell Pratt (B.A. '75), J.D., has been recognized by the Fort Gay (West Virginia) High School Alumni Association with its 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Judge Pratt, a 1971 graduate of Fort Gay High School, has served as a member of the 24th Judicial Circuit Court of West Virginia since 1997.

After graduating from Marshall University with a B.A. degree in education, he taught West Virginia history and U.S. government for three years at Buffalo High School in neighboring Wayne County, West Virginia, before attending law school.

He began his law career in 1981 in private practice after earning a Juris Doctor degree from the West Virginia University School of Law. He has presided over many high-profile criminal cases and civil litigations. In fact his courtroom was featured on the Court TV Network in 2009 for the coverage of a trial of two Army deserters charged with the murder of a prominent Huntington minister.

Judge Pratt also served as the Wayne County prosecutor from 1985 to 1996. He is past president and a current member of the West Virginia Judicial Association. He previously served as chairman of the Business Court Committee of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

He has served on the boards of a number of community service providers and civic organizations and worked on many projects that have benefited senior citizens and disabled adults. As past president and a current member of Green Acres Regional Center in Lesage, West Virginia, he assists in the administration of a comprehensive continuum of services and support for developmentally disabled adults. He also is past president and a former board member of Stepping Stones Inc., a nationally accredited, fully licensed child welfare provider for troubled youth and their families.

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- Have access to affinity program and alumni discounts
- Attend reunions and homecoming
- The opportunity to join a giving society
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**Matt Hayes '95 and '97**

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