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# PROVOST REPORT

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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## A Message from Academic Affairs

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Greetings!

It has been challenging the past two years to focus on anything but the pandemic. As we close out the spring semester, let's shift our focus to the following:

- Fall 2021                      738 degrees awarded
- Spring 2022                    1382 degrees awarded

There are now 1,460 new Marshall alums out in the world! Congratulations to them and to every member of the faculty and staff of Marshall University who helped them cross the finish line.

A last look at the advancements and achievements of our academic programs, faculty, staff and students reveals the following highlights:

1. The School of Art and Design in the **College of Arts and Media** held the 18th annual Empty Bowls on Friday, April 30 at the Pullman Square gazebo and raised over \$12,000 for the Facing Hunger Foodbank. The School of Art and Design partnered with The Pottery Place whose owner and Marshall alumna, **Jessica Stone**, also made the bowls available on her company website.
2. The **College of Engineering and Computer Science** has received several new scholarship gifts resulting in the award of \$156,550 in scholarships for students next year.
3. The **College of Education and Professional Development** is proud to welcome our recent EdD Graduate, **Dr. Marcie Simms**, as MU's next Vice President for Intercultural and Student Affairs!
4. The Department of Communication Disorders, in the **College of Health Professions**, admitted their inaugural cohorts into their new Speech Language Pathology – Assistant (SLPA) program and the new Early Assurance Program.
5. Students and faculty from the Department of Sociology in the **College of Liberal Arts** planned and hosted the annual Oxfam Hunger Banquet on April 21, 2022. The student-led event, open to the campus and the local community, focuses attention on issues of global hunger and inequality while collecting donations for the Marshall Food Pantry.
6. Dr. Derrick Kolling, professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry in the **College of Science** received a grant of \$366,624 from the National Science Foundation to more closely examine tardigrades, a phylum of eight-legged segmented micro-animals. The findings from this research affect everything from how to protect humans during space travel to how to store drugs and vaccines at room temperature.

7. The **Division of Aviation** reported that on May 5, **Joshua Lucas** of Charleston, became the first student to earn a Private Pilot License at the Bill Noe Flight School. The license requires both ground training and flight training, a written knowledge exam, and a practical exam from an FAA approved examiner. The Private Pilot License is the first of several FAA certifications that students earn in the flight program.
8. Students and organizations of the **Lewis College of Business** earned five awards at the Marshall Leadership and Service Awards Breakfast held April 27:
  - a. Organization Advisor of the Year: **Glen Midkiff**, Director of the Rahal Center for Student Engagement
  - b. Outstanding New Member: **Zach Kincaid**, MBA Student
  - c. Organization of the Year: Society for the Advancement of Management
  - d. Sophomore Leadership Award: **Jamison Lewis**, BBA Student
  - e. Graduate Student Leadership Award: **Ashlee Smith**, MSA Student
9. **Prof. Larry Sheret and Dr. Monica Brooks** of the **Libraries** were both recognized by the WV Higher Education Policy Commission with collaboration and leadership awards respectively for their work with Open Educational Resources (OER) initiatives at the campus and state levels at the first annual conference held in Charleston in April.
10. The **School of Pharmacy** reported that 53 members of the MUSOP Class of 2022 received their PharmD degrees at commencement on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, two M.B.A. degrees were also awarded to graduates in the PharmD/MBA dual degree program.

On behalf of the administration and staff of Academic Affairs, we invite you to share our pride and celebrate the scholarly and creative works of our faculty, along with the successes of our students and our alumni.

Sincerely,

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Provost

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Interim Associate Vice President for Academic  
Affairs & Associate Provost

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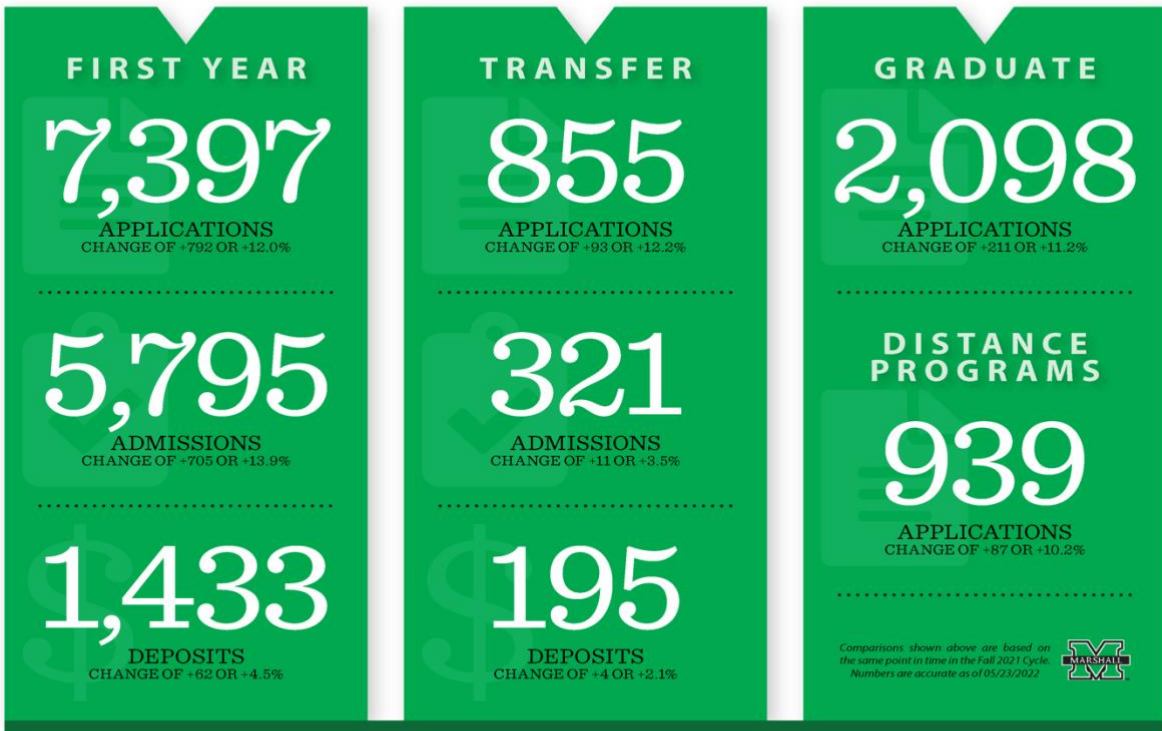
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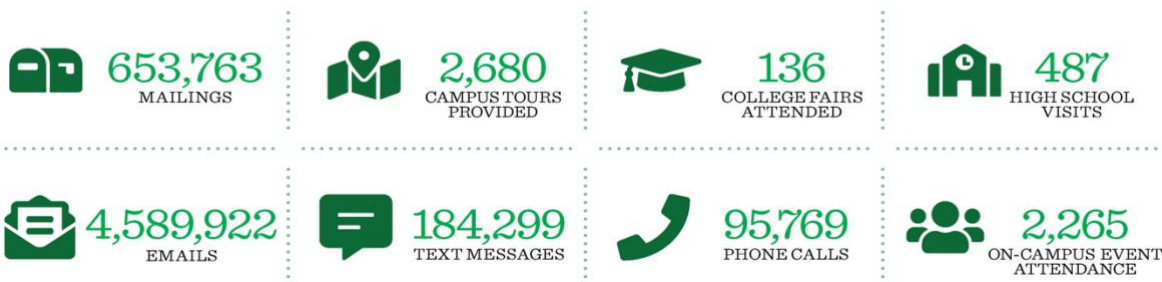
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



RECRUITMENT EFFORTS TO DATE FOR FALL 2022



## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND MEDIA (INTERIM DEAN: DR. WENDELL DOBBS)

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### FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

**Professors Ian Hagarty and Danny Kaufmann** exhibited their visual art project Shared Reverence – Commemorating the New River Gorge at the 6th edition of the European Cultural Centre’s (ECC) international art exhibition entitled Personal Structures during the 59th La Biennale di Venezia in Venice, Italy, which started April 23 and will continue through November 27, 2022. Hagarty and Kaufmann traveled to Venice to be on hand for the opening of the exhibition. Participation in this world-renowned exhibition was made possible through the generosity of Pete and Barbara Chiericozzi, former BOG member Christie Kinsey, the Marshall University Research Corporation (MURC), the Marshall University Foundation, the College of Arts and Media, and the School of Art and Design.

The School of Art and Design welcomes highly regarded graphic designer **Kyle Dyer** to the full-time faculty as Assistant Professor of Art. Dyer is a Marshall alumnus (Print Journalism) and holds a masters from the Savannah College of Art and Design. He brings a wealth of professional experience to the program. In addition to his teaching duties, he will coordinate the placement of graphic design students in apprenticeships with businesses.

Professor **Sandra Reed’s** solo exhibition entitled *Selvage*, is on display now through June 30 in the Library Gallery on Marshall University’s South Charleston campus. It features works she has created since relocating to West Virginia in 2014. Professor Reed is Marshall’s 26th John Deaver Drinko Academy Fellow. The Drinko Academy along with the College of Arts and Media provided support for the exhibition along with the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.

Assistant Professor **Tijah Bumgarner** received the Charleston Creative Connections Placemaking Mini Grant to complete her documentary “Picture Proof.”

**Alexander Lee** performed for Opera America in New York City, NY on March 13, gave a masterclass to Indiana University of Pennsylvania on March 11 and another masterclass to Grove City College on March 14 and performed a faculty recital in Smith Recital Hall on March 20.

**Carline Waugh** performed three concerts in Columbia and Saint Louis, MO and gave a masterclass at Columbia College April 18 – 22.

**Julio Alves** and guest **Bernard di Gregorio** presented "Echoes and Facades: A Guest and Faculty Recital" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, in Smith Recital Hall.

**Stephen Lawson** and student **Alexander Hummel** attended the Southeast Horn Workshop in Greensboro, NC March 11-13.

**Edwin Bingham** is attending a bassoon camp in Little Switzerland, NC starting May 30 as part of faculty development.

## STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Two successful capstone exhibitions were held in the Carroll Gallery in the Visual Arts Center featuring the work of eight graduates: **Alyssa Carney, Emily Fuller, Angel Gandee, Raigan Hagerman, Kaitlyn Hall, Danika Spencer, Alyssa Lott, and Danny Marks.**

Representatives from Bristol Broadcasting in Charleston presented students with scholarships May 16. **Nick Matawa**, senior Media Production major, **David Adkins**, senior Media Production major, and **Makaylah Wheeler**, Broadcast Journalism major, were each presented with a scholarship by Wade Hill and Kris "Jr." Woody. Wade Hill is the program director and afternoon on-air host for Electric 102.7 FM in Charleston. Kris "Jr." Woody is the morning on-air host for WQBE-FM 97.5 in Charleston.

WMUL-FM student broadcasters have won 99 awards during the 2021-2022 academic year. The students' grand total 99 awards this year includes 30 first place awards, 34 second place awards, 7 third place award and 28 honorable mention awards.

**Tyler Kennett**, senior Sports Journalism major, earned a first-place award for Radio News Reporting from Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards Region 4 for his story "Campus Pro Choice." The story was broadcast during the "5:00 p.m. Edition of Newscenter 88," Monday, September 20, 2021. The first-place award winner will now be entered into the national awards contest along with the other eleven regional first place winners. The national award winner will be announced Saturday, October 29, 2022, at the National Awards Ceremony during the MediaFest22 Convention in Washington, D. C.

Students from Marshall University's public radio station, WMUL-FM, received four grand prize awards and five honorable mention awards during the National Broadcasting Society/ Alpha Epsilon Rho (NBS/AERho) 31st Annual National Student Audio/Video Scriptwriting and 59th Annual Audio/Video Production Awards Competition virtual ceremony that took place Wednesday, March 30, 2022. The grand prize award winning entries in production were: Audio Promos by **Zane Bowles**, a December 2022 graduate, Audio Documentary Program "Revitalization of Huntington" written and produced by **Grant Goodrich**, a May 2021 graduate, Audio Sports Segment "Vitor Dias, CUSA Soccer Player of the Week" written and produced by **Christian Palmer**, a Sports Journalism major and Audio Sports Program "Inside Conference USA" with hosts **Andrew Rogers**, a Sports Journalism major, and **Justin Zimmer**, a Sports Journalism major and produced by **Ben Cower**, a Sports Journalism major.

There were many degree recitals during the months of March and April, as well as several final concerts for our ensembles - 48 performances altogether.

**Jackson Hall**, winner of the Jackson/Balshaw soloist competition, performed his recital on April 17.



Several of our best graduates and undergraduates performed and presented for the first Student Research and Creativity Symposium, April 19 & 20. Presenters included: **James Hendricks, Natalya Smith, Emily Cloer, Karen Jarvis, and Sean Link.**

Jazz I was invited to participate in a "Battle of the Bands" at Morehead State University.

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

The 18th annual Empty Bowls was held on Friday, April 30 at the Pullman Square gazebo and raised over \$12,000 for the Facing Hunger Foodbank. The School of Art and Design partnered with The Pottery Place whose owner and Marshall alumna **Jessica Stone** also made the bowls available on her company website.

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC) met April 29 and voted 12-3, with one abstention and one recusal, that the undergraduate program in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications receive reaccreditation. **Sandy York**, interim director, attended the meeting. The next visit for the school is scheduled for the 2027-28 academic year.

**Dr. Terry Hapney's** spring 2022 Public Relations Campaign Management class completed a campaign for Habitat for Humanity and presented their Research-Planning-Implementation-Evaluation (RPIE) phases of the integrated strategic communications campaign during the Student Research & Creativity Symposium, April 19, 2022, in the Weisberg Applied Engineering Complex. This is the 24<sup>th</sup> ISC campaign carried out for nonprofit organizations throughout the Tri-State in Dr. Hapney's 14 years at Marshall. Students who participated are **Zane Adkins, Olivia Bird, Mary Chapman, Mariah Clay, Chloe Cook, Abby Hanlon, Tabitha Hensley, Cassandra Hunt, Tyler Spence, and Ben Wheeler.**

New Commercial Music major and Entrepreneurship minor were passed by the university curriculum committee and faculty senate near the end of the spring semester.

The first year of the MA in Music Education online degree is complete.

**Bob Noone**, a leading adoption attorney in West Virginia, is teaming up with his longtime friend, America's Got Talent winner Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. to celebrate National Foster Care Month by funding multiple scholarships for foster and adopted students to attend the Marshall University Summer Jazz Camp June 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the Foundation for the Tri-State Community, Inc. has provided scholarship funding for the camp.

**Martin Saunders** graduated from the inaugural Chairs Leadership Academy on April 28.

# COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE (INTERIM DEAN: DR. DAVID DAMPIER)

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## FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

CECS Faculty Awards, 2022:

Academy of Distinguished Teachers

- **Dr. Arka Chattopadhyay**, Civil Engineering
- **Dr. Yousef Sardahi**, Mechanical Engineering
- **Dr. Sungmin Youn**, Civil Engineering
- **Dr. Bill Pearson** (Posthumously), Civil Engineering

Weisberg Service Award

- **Dr. Husnu Narman**, Computer Sciences and Electrical Engineering

Weisberg Research Awards

- Junior Award: **Dr. Sanghoon Lee**, Computer Sciences and Electrical Engineering
- Senior Award: **Dr. Haroon Malik**, Computer Sciences and Electrical Engineering

Awarded EPSCOR Grant for \$20,000

- **Dr. Simon Shim**, Biomedical Engineering
- **Dr. Yousef Sardahi**, Mechanical Engineering

Awarded GenCyber Grant for Teacher Camp, 2022

- **Dr. Wook-Sung Yoo**, Computer Science and Engineering

**Dr. Richard Begley**, Civil Engineering Awarded Emeritus Status upon his retirement

**Dr. Wael Zatar**, Civil Engineering Awarded Professor of the Year for 2022, PPCI Central Region

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

This year, we have received several new scholarship gifts that will result in the award of significant scholarship resources for students. The following scholarships are being awarded for the upcoming year:

Project Work Studio

1<sup>st</sup> Cohort (2<sup>nd</sup> Year):

- **Chloe Duckworth**, BS Biomedical Engineering \$7500
- **Cameron Green**, BS Computer Science \$7500
- **Alexa Hoffman**, BS Electrical Engineering \$7500
- **Muna Lentison**, BS Computer Science \$7500
- **Neil Loftus**, BS Computer Science \$7500
- **Brooke Marshall**, BS Electrical Engineering \$7500
- **Olivia Maynor**, BS Civil Engineering \$7500
- **Hadden Mick**, BS Computer Science \$7500
- **Jada Stutts**, BS Biomedical Engineering \$7500

2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort (1<sup>st</sup> Year):

- **Kayla Clatterbuck**, BS Biomedical Engineering \$7500
- **Emily Kisor**, BS Pre-Computer Science \$7500
- **Sarah Lambert**, BS Computer Info Security \$7500
- **Amelia McGinty**, BS Computer Science \$7500
- **Cade Parlato**, BS Computer Science \$7500
- **Miranda Simpson**, BS Computer Info Tech \$7500
- **Audrey Sprout**, BS Computer Science \$7500
- **Kimberly Sturm**, BS Pre-Engineering \$7500
- **Devin Turley**, BS Mechanical Engineering \$7500

Mary Hodges Scholarship for Engineering and Computer Sciences:

- **Brooke Marshall**, BS Electrical Engineering \$2000

The Dewey and Judy Bocook Scholarship for Engineering

- **Jacob Trogdon**, BS Civil Engineering \$6000

Richard Erwin McCoy, Jr. P.E. Scholarship

- **Autumn Cook**, BS Mechanical Engineering \$1000

The Engineers Club of Huntington Endowed Scholarship

- **Cameron T. Nichols**, BS Electrical Engineering \$1750

Dr. William and Mrs. Mary Lind Zitter Scholarship

- **Harry G. Marcum**, BS Electrical Engineering \$ 800

#### Professor Thomas Olson Scholarship

- **Logan R. Evans**, BS Biomedical engineering \$2000

#### Richard Jarrel Hodges Memorial Scholarship

- **Hope E. Bramlett**, BS Computer Science \$3000
- **Christian L. Cantrell**, BS Mechanical Engineering \$3000

#### American Industrial Hygiene Foundation Scholarship

- **Danielle Berry**, MS Environmental Safety & Health \$2000

The following two students are recognized for their achievements.

- **K.C. Hoard**, BS Mechanical Engineering, May 2022 Passed Fundamentals of Engineering Exam
- **Ian McKnight**, BS Biomedical Engineering, May 2022 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

College of Engineering and Computer Sciences through the civil engineering department continues to support the Bethel Cemetery Rehabilitation in Huntington. **Dr. James Bryce** has led this effort.

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

BSE General Engineering and Industrial and Systems Engineering approved for new students beginning in August 2022.

MS In Environment Safety and Health set to admit first students in August 2022.

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

(DEAN: DR. TERESA EAGLE)

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### FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

**Dr. Kim McFall** was selected for the Marshall University Diversity Award for faculty. These awards recognize students, staff, and faculty who have helped to cultivate an inclusive campus environment by celebrating, supporting, or enhancing diversity on or off-campus.

**Dr. Tina Cartwright** presented for the Faces of Physics Speaker Series. Titled Career Trajectories and Pluto, Dr. Cartwright talked about her early interest in Science and the path she took through her career.

This spring **Dr. Barbara O'Byrne** directed the Central WV Writing Project's Young Writers Contest. This activity has honored outstanding writing by students in grades 1-12 from every county in the state of West Virginia for over thirty-five years. It culminates in Young Writers Day, an event hosted on the campus of the University of Charleston on May 13 recognizing and celebrating winners. Winning writings in each category were published in the May 14 Charleston Gazette Mail.

College faculty awards, instituted by alumni and selected by the current faculty were presented to:

- **Dr. Kimberly McFall** – Guyer Award for Excellence in Service
- **Dr. Eugenia Lambert** – Barnett Award for Excellence in Research
- **Dr. Kathy Seelinger** – Hicks Award for Excellence in Teaching

**Dr. Barbara Guyer** was honored as our distinguished alumna. Dr. Guyer was the creator and founder of the Center for Higher Education Learning Problems (H.E.L.P.)

### STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

We are proud to welcome our recent EdD Graduate, **Dr. Marcie Simms**, as MU's next Vice President for Intercultural and Student Affairs!

**Jackson Hussell-Davis** was selected by the Committee on Scholarly Works and Creative Activities as a recipient of a Creative Discovery and Research Award for Summer 2022.

Fifteen students were inducted into the Marshall Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota. CSI is an international honor society that values academic and professional excellence in counseling. We promote a strong professional identity through members (professional counselors, counselor educators, and students) who contribute to the realization of a healthy society by fostering wellness and human dignity. New members of the chapter are: **Benita Rodrigues, Erin May-Spenser, Christopher Koska, Madison Pidliskey, Serena Cosmo, Lisa Ball, Keira Lee Ann Cale, Kendra Pullen, Jacob Hock, Whitney Roberts, John Gdula, Michelle Burgess, Brandi Dunn, Angel Fry, and Kaitlyn McClure.**

**Dr. Jenny Nash**, a COEPD alumna and former staff member, was featured in April's Authority Magazine in an article titled: *Inspirational Women in STEM and Tech*. Dr. Jenny Nash serves as the Head of Education Impact for LEGO Education in the United States, where she provides direction and leadership in delivering meaningful education opportunities for students. LEGO Education works with teachers and educational specialists to deliver playful learning experiences that bring subjects to life in the classroom and make learning fun and impactful. Its solutions for teaching and hands-on learning inspire interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM), targeted at preschool, elementary and middle school.

Alumnus and WV Teacher of the Year **Brian Casto**, spoke to our graduating seniors.

COEPD had five Undergraduate Elementary Education Students present at the Inaugural Student Research and Creativity Symposium: **Brandon Duncan, Jennifer Ferrell, Kylie Metz and Hannah O'Brien**. **Andrew Prostor**, Secondary Education Physics major presented a poster, "Herd Hours: What makes it successful and how it was affected by COVID." A poster presentation "Measuring Success by the Seed's We Plant: One Institution's Experience with Alumni Tracking" featured work by doctoral students and staff members **Amanda Preece and Kandice Rowe**.

Our exceptional graduates and new teachers include the following award winners:

- **Grace McClure** – Resident of the Year
- **Carson McKinney** – Secondary Student Teacher of the Year
- **Neeley Jeffery** – Related Arts Student Teacher of the Year
- **Haylie Hockenberry** – Overall Student Teacher of the Year
- **Ashley Lawrence** – Cooperating Teacher of the Year
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**Eli Williamson**, Secondary Education Physics major and Treasurer of the MU Society of Physics Students helped host a talk with Dr. Natasha Grace Holmes from Cornell University called "The Trouble with Traditional Physics Labs."

**Savanna Davis**, Secondary Education General Science major was selected to serve as a Judge at the WV State Science Fair.

**Savannah Wheeler**, Secondary Education Wellness major was named to the Preseason All-Conference USA Team.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The "Grow Your Own" initiative from the WVDE will begin this fall, with the opportunity for Public School systems to partner with higher education to encourage high school juniors to pursue a path toward teacher education. County superintendents were allowed to designate the university with which

they would prefer to partner. As a result, the COEPD is working to launch the program in the following school systems: Cabell, Wayne, Putnam, Greenbrier, Summers, Mingo, and Mason. Providing this program is a collaboration between County Boards, Dual Credit, several CTCs as well as other IHEs.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The June C. Harless Center inducted new members to its Hall of Fame:

- First Lady Cathy Justice – for her work engaging connecting communities and schools.
- Dolly Parton – for her Imagination Library, which is now available in all WV counties.
- Drs. Stan and Barbara Maynard – for their service to many years of service in the Harless initiatives.
- Mr. Jim Denova - recently retired from the Benedum Foundation, a valuable connection for funding and innovative ideas.

The COEPD participated in National Teacher Appreciation Week by:

- Gifting 15 cooperating teachers with \$25 local gift cards
- Recognizing teachers via social media
- Providing breakfast to Wayne Middle School

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS (DEAN: DR. MICHAEL PREWITT)

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### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Karlie LaFauci**, a senior Exercise Science student, has received summer 2022 MU creative discovery and research award (\$5000) for investigating the morphology of the rats' hearts that are treated with radiation and methamphetamine. This study is the continuous research of the health issues among methamphetamine users on the hearts. She hopes her findings will increase the awareness of the methamphetamine risks beyond the acute overdose.

### PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS

Communication Disorders officially admitted five students to the Speech Language Pathology – Assistant (SLPA) program. They will be starting summer 2022. Also, we have accepted three high school students to the Early Assurance Program. Both programs are new, and these students are the inaugural cohorts.

The SOPT just matriculated the Class of 2025. They have 43 students in this cohort representing eight states, China and Canada with 37% of the class coming from West Virginia. All twenty-three students in the Class of 2022 who took the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE Board Exam) had a 100% pass rate compared the 89.9% national pass rate. The remainder of the class will sit for the exam in July.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On March 30, 2022 the SOK programs of Athletic Training, Biomechanics & Exercise Science hosted a group of 40 students from Webster County School district. They experienced all three programs in an interactive immersive event. Early feedback from the students & educators with them was appreciative and very positive.



## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (DEAN: DR. ROBERT BOOKWALTER)

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### FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

**Dr. Shawn Schulenberg**, professor of Political Science, has been elected **chair of the Faculty Senate** for a two-year term. Shawn served as Parliamentarian this past year and is well prepared for the role of Faculty Senate Chair. **Dr. Damien Arthur** will assume the chair's role in the Department of Political Science.

**Dr. Jana Tigchelaar**, associate professor of English was the faculty honoree in the annual **Women of Marshall awards**. Dr. Tigchelaar was recognized for her scholarship focused on women writers and her advocacy for research-based treatment options for breast cancer survivors.

**Dr. Stefan Schoeberlein**, assistant professor of English, was awarded a **WV Humanities Council Fellowship** to complete a translation of Huntington native Tom Kromer's "Waiting for Nothing" (1935) into German. The translation will appear in spring 2023 with *Das Kulturelle Gedachtnis* (Berlin).

**Dr. Laura Michele Diener**, associate professor of History, is the 2022 winner of the **Hazel Rowley Prize**, awarded annually to a first-time biographer. Dr. Diener is composing the first English language biography of Sigrid Undset, a Norwegian-Danish writer who won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1928.

### STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

The College of Liberal Arts is proud to celebrate the **graduation of 94 undergraduate students** in Spring 2022. Fifty-six COLA graduates (60 percent) finished their degrees with honors – 21 graduated Cum Laude, 12 graduated Magna Cum Laude, and 23 graduated Summa Cum Laude. Six of our spring graduates completed their degrees with perfect 4.0 GPAs.

**Thirty-three students from the College of Liberal Arts** were recognized in eighteen award categories at the annual **Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honor's Convocation** on April 22, 2022. The keynote speaker for the convocation was **Dr. Cicero Fain, III**, former faculty member in Marshall's History department, and currently the Visiting Diversity Scholar at Marshall.

**Stacey Bowen**, 2009 Communication Studies BA & 2012 EMBA from University of Charleston, has a **new book**, *Things I Wish I Knew: A Manual for Future You*, targeted at young professionals making their way in business. Her book draws on her decade of experience in social services, retail, and business. Shortly after graduation, Stacey was a domestic violence advocate for the Charleston YWCA and an Operations Manager for Abercrombie & Fitch Partners. In the decade since earning her EMBA, she has worked as an office manager and executive assistant for several businesses in the San Francisco bay area, including Dropcam, Institutional Venture Partners, PIT Partners, and Capital Group.

**Mckenzie Cooley**, 2014 Communication Studies BA, has been promoted to Associate Counsel, Employment Law at Paramount in New York City. She has worked on projects related to religious accommodations under the Covid 19 policy, the NY Hero Act, EEO reporting, and Vets 100. Mckenzie graduated from West Virginia University and worked for Farrell, White & Legg PLLC prior to joining Paramount.

**Christine Lavery Wenz**, Communication Studies BA 2011 & MA 2013, has a new position as Brand & Enterprise Content Manager for Ally. She was formerly Marketing Manager and Strategist for Command Partners (2015-16), Enventys Partners (2017-20), and Shopgate Inc (2020). Most recently, Christine was Brand Content Writer & SEO Strategist for CPI Security in Charlotte, NC.

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**English Language Institute** has been approved for a **fully online program option** beginning in Fall 2022 to attract international students who will complete our program while living abroad. The Institute welcomes a group of students from Kansai Gaidai University in Japan this summer for a short English Language program. Post-pandemic, the program seeks to recruit both on-campus and distant students for language study.

**Students and faculty from the Department of Sociology** planned and hosted the annual **Oxfam Hunger Banquet** on April 21, 2022. The student-led event, open to the campus and the local community, focuses attention on issues of global hunger and inequality while collecting donations for the Marshall Food Pantry.

The **English Department and Humanities Department** jointly hosted the 50<sup>th</sup> annual **William J. Maier Writing Awards** were presented in a ceremony on April 26, 2022. Students from across the university, from first-year students to graduate students, compete for cash prizes in 10 categories. In all, 30 writing awards were presented, totaling over \$15,000 for our students. The ceremony also recognizes winners of the **Maier Latin Awards**, which provides cash prizes to 14 students studying Latin at regional high schools and a scholarship to the outstanding Latin major at Marshall University.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**Students in the Digital Humanities Program** have created an online archive to preserve and highlight the work of Appalachian author Tom Kromer. Kromer was a Huntington native and former Marshall student whose work was strongly inspired by his experience with homelessness during the Great Depression. The archive at [kromerarchive.org](http://kromerarchive.org) holds a copy of Kromer's 1935 novel, *Waiting for Nothing*, along with an annotated version, an audiobook, and a German translation of the work, along with many other documents related to Kromer's life and work.

**Dr. Jill Underhill**, associate professor of Communication Studies, and **Dr. Steve Underhill**, professor of Communication Studies have made significant contributions to local agencies serving families with

autism. Jill is a board member for Community Autism Resources and Education Systems and a member of the Mountaineer Autism Project. She works on fundraising and community outreach, as well as promoting early intervention and effective services for families with young children with autism. Steve is a grant writer and board member for both Camp Appalachia and Community Autism Resources & Education Systems (CARES).

## COLLEGE OF SCIENCE (DEAN: DR. CHARLES SOMERVILLE)

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### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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 Defense 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.

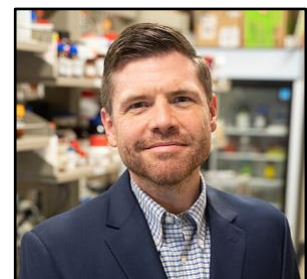
The West Virginia-led U.S. team finished 15th overall. The six Marshall students who participated included four from Marshall’s Cyber Forensics and Security program in the College of Science – **Alisha Joseph, John McFee, Ethan Endes and A.J. Clark** – and two students from the Computer and Information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



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

### FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

**Dr. Derrick Kolling** (pictured), professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry in the College of Science, received a grant of \$366,624 from the National Science Foundation to more closely examine tardigrades, a phylum of eight-legged segmented micro-animals. The findings from this research affect everything from how to protect humans during space travel to how to store drugs and vaccines at room temperature.



**Dr. Margaret “Peggy” Phipps Brown**, Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology, retired from teaching at the end of the Spring 2022 semester after forty years of dedicated service to Marshall University. She taught legal studies here since first joining the faculty as a one-year, temporary employee in 1982. The College of Science thanks Dr. Brown for her many years of dedicated and distinguished service to the sons and daughters of Marshall. Her presence on campus will be missed.



**Dr. Catherine Rushton** will be stepping down from the position of Director of the MS Program in Forensic Science on 30 June 2022. Dr. Rushton took on the directorship of the nationally-prominent program in 2017 after the retirement of its founding director, Dr. Terry Fenger. Many thanks to Dr. Catherine Rushton! Her boundless energy and dedication to MSFS have been very much appreciated. She will always be part of the Marshall family.



### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Four Student Senators from the College of Science organized a mental health awareness event for COS students, staff, and faculty. **Walker Tatum** is a Junior majoring in Biological Sciences with Minors in Chemistry, Pre-Professional Healthcare Studies, General Business, and Psychology. **Makena Rauch** is a Senior double majoring in Criminal Justice and Criminology, with a concentration in Legal Studies, and Political Science. Makena also plays on the MU Women’s Golf Team. **Maddy Scott** is a Senior Biological Sciences major, with minors in Chemistry, Physics, Pre-Professional Healthcare Studies, and General Business. **Dylan Ellison** is a Junior, majoring in Biochemistry with a minor in Biological Sciences. The event was held in the John Marshall Room of the Marshall University Memorial Student Center on Wednesday, 9 March 2022.

## DIVISION OF AVIATION (ACTING HEAD: DR. CARL MUMMERT)

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### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

On May 5, **Joshua Lucas** of Charleston became the first student to earn a Private Pilot License at the Bill Noe Flight School. The license requires both ground training and flight training, a written knowledge exam, and a practical exam from an FAA approved examiner. The Private Pilot License is the first of several FAA certifications that students earn in the flight program.

**Fourteen BNFS students**, including Joshua, have completed their first solo flight.

**For the 24 current students at the BNFS**, the median GPA is 3.13 and 75% have a GPA of 3.0 or greater.

**Ten BNFS students** are on the Dean's List for Spring 2022.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The BNFS hired an additional Certified Flight Instructor, **Tyler Warner**, who is expected to start on June 6. Tyler is coming here from Southern Utah University, where he was a student flight instructor. He has also served in the Army and the Army National Guard. The flight school plans to hire additional flight instructors for Fall 2022.

The AMT department hired a fourth AMT instructor, **Sam Butcher**, who started in May. He comes to us with 22 years of experience in the Coast Guard, including maintenance of rotary and fixed-wing aircraft. Sam served as Chief Aviation Maintenance Technician for four years and has a Bachelor's degree from Liberty University. The AMT program is now fully staffed for Fall 2022.

The AMT department is preparing for our Fall 2022 opening. The FAA has sent back a list of minor change requests for our application, which is an anticipated part of the review process. We expect our program to receive FAA certification in June 2022. Regular meetings with MCTC and Marshall stakeholders are being held to plan for the opening in August. As of May 20, the AMT program has 19 preliminary applications at MCTC, of whom 7 are women.

Renovations at the Tri-State Airport are ongoing. A new gate is being installed to allow aircraft to move between the secured Powerplant hangar and the non-secured Airframe hangar. The Powerplant hangar renovations are expected to complete in June. HVAC and boiler upgrades to the Airframe hangar are ongoing.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On April 28, the Division Head as well as two BOG members attended a session on Advanced Air Mobility led by **Charlotte Weber** from RCBI and by Vertx Partners. Numerous external partners and agencies were present to discuss possible projects for uncrewed and autonomous aviation in West Virginia. The Division is excited for the possible roles we can play in these projects.

The AMT department had representatives at the Women in Aviation International conference in March 2022 and the MRO “Aviation Week” conference in April 2022. These are industry-wide conferences in which the department was able to speak with the FAA as well as numerous potential industry partners.

The AMT department and other Marshall representatives met with GE Aviation in May to discuss possible partnerships. GE representatives visited Huntington on May 18 and toured our AMT facilities.

The BNFS was approached by the FAA about renting space in June for a stakeholder meeting about the Yeager Airport. The school has developed procedures and is eager to find ways for partners to use our facilities. The BNFS also anticipates continued events from the MU Foundation at the flight school.

## LEWIS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS (INTERIM DEAN: DR. JEFFREY ARCHAMBAULT)

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### FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

The Lewis College of Business announced the following faculty awards at the Hooding Ceremony:

- Faculty Teaching Award: **Dr. Nabaneeta Biswas**, Assistant Professor of Economics
- Faculty Research Award: **Dr. Mohammad Uddin**, Assistant Professor of Finance
- Faculty Service Award: **Dr. Monisha Gupta**, Assistant Professor of Marketing

**Dr. Deepak Subedi** completed the Department Chair Leadership Academy. **Dr. Ralph McKinney and Dr. Monisha Gupta** were John Marshall Leadership Fellows. **Dr. Ben Eng** led the Design Thinking campus problem-solving project of the cohort.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

The Lewis College of Business presented the following awards to graduate students at the Hooding Ceremony held April 29:

- Calvin A. Kent Outstanding Leader Award 2022: **Kathryn (Kelly) Leonard**, MBA Student
- Outstanding Graduate Assistant 2022: **Paige Leonard**, MBA Student

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Students and organizations of the Lewis College of Business earned five awards at the Marshall Leadership and Service Awards Breakfast held April 27:

- Organization Advisor of the Year: **Glen Midkiff**, Director of the Rahal Center for Student Engagement
- Outstanding New Member: **Zach Kincaid**, MBA Student
- Organization of the Year: Society for the Advancement of Management
- Sophomore Leadership Award: **Jamison Lewis**, BBA Student
- Graduate Student Leadership Award: **Ashlee Smith**, MSA Student



## LIBRARIES AND ONLINE LEARNING (DEAN: DR. MONICA BROOKS)

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### FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

**Prof. Eryn Roles**, Research & Instruction Librarian, was promoted to full Professor this spring. She is currently on sabbatical studying options for a multi-department collaboration hub on Drinko Library's second floor for research, writing, maker-space, web/podcasting, statistics, tutoring (and more) services for students.

**Prof. Sarah Mollette**, Online Learning Librarian, received a Summer Research Award (\$2,000) to study, survey, and visit regional academic libraries to determine current trends in research help desk staffing models.

**Prof. Angela Strait**, Budget and Collection Development Librarian, is the incoming President of the WV Library Association and will preside over the annual conference in Canaan Valley this fall. As of this spring, she also became a featured contributor to *Against the Grain* (ISSN: 1043-2094), the book trade industry's key to the latest news about libraries, publishers, book jobbers, and subscription agents.

The Instructional Designers in Online Learning presented the following sessions and panels in the May 2022 Center for Teaching and Learning iPED virtual conference:

- Assessment in the Online Platform, presented by **Chase Lucas**
- Encouraging Student Engagement in Distance Education, presented by **Diana Adams**
- Hybrid Headaches? Crack the Codes to Distance Delivery, presented by **Dr. Chris Sochor, with co-authors, Dr. Marty Laubach, Jody Perry, and Dr. Mindy Allenger-Prewitt.**

**Prof. Larry Sheret**, OER Librarian, and **Dr. Monica Brooks**, Assoc. VP for Online Learning & Dean of Libraries, were both recognized by the WV Higher Education Policy Commission with collaboration and leadership awards respectively for their work with Open Educational Resources (OER) initiatives at the campus and state levels at the first annual conference held in Charleston in April.

**Dr. Kelli Johnson**, Head of Library Research and Instruction, will be collaborating on a forthcoming book on librarians of color for MIT Press. She was also recently appointed to the Coalfield Development Corporation board and awarded the prestigious Sarah Denman Faces of Appalachia Fellowship at the spring faculty meeting. Dr. Johnson will present her research findings in the spring of 2023.

**Dr. Monica Brooks** presented, Copyright Best Practices for the F2F and Online Classroom, an interactive workshop for the Fairmont State University faculty on May 4, 2022.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Dr. Christopher Sochor**, Lead Instructional Designer in Online Learning, just completed his doctorate and was hooded during the May commencement exercises. His dissertation entitled, Student Perspectives on the Presence and Usefulness of Navigational Course Elements in Distance Education Courses, is a significant contribution to the online learning literature pertaining to improving course quality.

**Meghan Sexton-Harness**, Graduate Assistant in the Drinko Library, successfully launched a new book club for students, staff, faculty, and the MU community called, Well-Read and Undead, that will continue through the summer via MS Teams online.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Prof. Larry Sheret**, OER Librarian, collaborated with Dr. Victor Fet and several other MU colleagues to establish a recurring session on Fridays at 3 p.m. entitled, [Russia's War in Ukraine: Weekly Friday Update and Panel Discussion](#). To date, the program has been viewed by thousands globally and cited by other institutions for providing a positive outlet for discourse and action for expats, students, and concerned colleagues.

**Dr. Margaret Sullivan**, Scholarly Communications Specialist, and **Dr. Monica Brooks** presented the plenary session, Don't Get Cancelled: On Assessing and Using open Educational Resources, for the first annual WV Higher Education Policy Commission OER conference in Charleston on April 8, 2022.

The University Library collaborated with Academic Affairs, and the Drinko Academy to support the first annual celebration of MU Faculty authors in the Drinko Library with a special faculty reception during finals week. Close to 80 faculty publications were on display with over 25 authors in attendance for a group photo. Faculty works will continue to be purchased and added to the library collection in both print and electronic format when available.

The Government Documents move from Morrow Library to the Drinko Library is almost completed with most resources already residing on the second floor of Drinko. Scheduled for completion in May, Federal Documents will be more accessible to users in this new location. Librarians and staff can assist users in obtaining Government Documents needed for research purposes in the meantime. A grand opening for the collection will be held in the fall.

On May 6, the faculty and staff in Libraries and Online Learning were recognized during a staff luncheon for their tireless work during the previous pandemic year. Provost Mukherjee and Glen Midkiff were our special guests on behalf of Academic Affairs.

**Prof. Stephen Tipler**, Web Services Librarian, conducted a project this spring to completely revise the library's website that dramatically improved our ability to serve users through our web-based resources and interfaces in the spring in conjunction with **Prof. Sarah Mollette** and **Prof. Kacy Lovelace**. He also was a major contributor to the university's electronic P&T process by providing support for the dynamic

forms and electronic interface in MS Teams. He also managed the library's promotion process this year thus fully automating this task from start to finish!

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HerdCon, the University Library's annual pop culture convention, took place on March 4 and 5 on Marshall's campus with the help of many MU student groups and volunteers. HerdCon included a Song-Along event Friday evening and comic book and collectible vendors, cosplay contest, gaming, artists, speakers, MU department tables, food trucks, demos, live bands, and WMUL-hosted music all day Saturday. An estimated 1,500 people attended the library's first in-person event to take place since before the pandemic. While still adhering to social distance requirements, this year's HerdCon was still bigger than ever enjoying several features in local news outlets and beyond. Despite Covid, it was a safely run success!

The University Library was proud to help support the 2021-2022 American Printing House Huntington Speaker Series Session, From Helen Keller and her Contemporaries, on March 29, 2022. A display of technology for the sight impaired and blind was provided by the museum and an interesting presentation was held by the Hellen Keller archivist about Ms. Keller's life, work, and luminaries she encountered in her personal and professional life.

Earlier in the term **Dr. Monica Brooks** presented Exploring Historic Huntington: A Layperson's Experience, which highlighted the recently acquired Huntington Herald-Dispatch Newspaper and photo archive from Special Collections for the Lifelong Learning program at Marshall.

## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY (INTERIM DEAN: DR. ERIC BLOUGH)

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### FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Dr. Brittany Riley** was a co-investigator on a project funded by an AACP SOTL grant. Doing a qualitative study on key roles in professional identity formation from practicing pharmacists to better characterize the process of professional identity formation in pharmacy professionals. They hope to use results to help MU students develop their professional identity. This is part of a team from Canada, AZ, IL, NC, and WV.
- Bridwell MR, Bajaj S, Gress TW, **Hambuchen MD**, Clay TB. Impact of MRSA polymerase chain reaction (PCR) wound swabs on antibiotic de-escalation in skin and soft tissue infections. *Diagnostic Microbiology and Infectious Disease*. 2022 May 4:115722.
- **Kimble C.** Develop Standardized Concentrations and Overcome Barriers: Simplifying Reduces Errors in Compounding, IV Pump Programming and Physician Order Entry. *Pharmacy Times-Health System Edition*. May 2022. 11(3):13-14. <https://www.pharmacytimes.com/view/develop-standardized-concentrations-and-overcome-barriers> .
- IPED Conference Presentations:
  - Mindfulness in the Classroom: Considerations for Faculty and Students **Brittany Canady** Associate Professor, Psychology Co-author: **Elaine Cruse** Virtual
  - Use of Vertical and Horizontal Curricular Integration to Promote Reflection and Growth **Brittany Riley** Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice Co-authors: **Lisa Nord, Charles "CK" Babcock, Jessica Saunders** HyFlex
- **Preceptor of the year awards:**
  - At the 2022 awards day, preceptors who facilitate real-world training experiences, were recognized for outstanding contributions to student education. Each received a Blenko glass medicine jar etched with their name, the award received and the Marshall logo. The following Preceptors of the Year were selected by students:
    - Community Pharmacy Preceptors of the Year IPPE: **Laura Jo Miller, Pharm.D.** -- Kroger #16- 664, Wheelersburg, Ohio
    - APPE: **Jennie Cummings, Pharm.D.** – The Pharmacy at HIMG, Huntington, West Virginia
    - Health System Pharmacy Preceptor of the Year IPPE: **Darren Kirk, Pharm.D.** – Thomas Memorial Hospital, South Charleston, West Virginia
    - APPE: **Derek Evans, Pharm.D.** – Cabell Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia
    - Innovative Practice Preceptor of the Year IPPE: **T.J. Parnell, Pharm.D.** – Sam’s Club Pharmacy, South Point, Ohio
    - APPE: **Jennifer Orders, Pharm.D.** – Marshall Pharmacy at PROACT, Huntington, West Virginia
    - Shared-Faculty or Faculty Preceptor of the Year **Charles "CK" Babcock, Pharm.D.** – Marshall University School of Pharmacy; Cabell Huntington Health Department, Huntington, West Virginia
- **Dr. Gayle Brazeau** presented the following seminars
  - “Advancing and Publishing Your Scholarly Achievements”, Keck Graduate Institute, Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program, Claremont, CA May 9, 2022.

- “A Brief Primer on Tips for Success in Academic Pharmacy Publishing”, Western University of Health Sciences, College of Pharmacy, Pomona, CA May 4, 2022.

## **STUDENT / ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS**

53 members of the MUSOP Class of 2022 received their PharmD degrees at commencement on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, two M.B.A. degrees were also awarded to graduates in the PharmD/MBA dual degree program.

MUSOP welcomes **Jordan Browning**, PharmD who will be joining the faculty after completing a PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at the Woody Williams VAMC. He will be a joint funded shared position with St. Mary’s Medical Center as his practice site in Internal Medicine and will precept experiential students there.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Office for Diversity and Inclusion will host the Health Care Pathway Initiative again this summer from June 5 – 30<sup>th</sup>. This program gives high school students from West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky a glimpse into the care setting and structure of STEM workplaces, including those in science, research, health care, pharmacy, nursing health informatics and engineering. HCPI is funded by the Army Educational Outreach Program (UNITE), a Walgreens Diversity Grant, Marshall Health and the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy.