



**BOLD WOMEN'S
LEADERSHIP NETWORK**

Newsletter

November-December 2025

Fall Firsts for the Inaugural Cohort



BOLD Scholars attended Marshall University First Lady & BOLD at Marshall Founder Alys Smith's 3rd annual Women Warriors Summit in October. Alongside HGB Representative Gail Evans, Scholars enjoyed conversation with journalist Soledad O'Brien regarding the importance of the "PIVOT" for women in the workplace. BOLD mentors, Alexandria Donathan, Director of the Institute for Cyber Security, and Jodie Penrod, Chief Information Officer, served on the panel discussing the role Artificial Intelligence (AI) may play in guiding career decisions.

Scholar Spotlight: Aliyah Quinet

Hometown: South Charleston, WV

Major: Computer Science

BOLD Mentor: Jodie Penrod, Marshall University Chief Information Officer

Campus Involvement: Marshall Vex robotics club, Delta Zeta Sorority, AmeriCorp Visita at Marshall Advanced Manufacturing

Career Aspirations: Team lead at a STEM agency

Aliyah recently secured an internship with WVU's Cyber Resilience Research Center where she will gain hands-on experience and play a vital role in strengthening cyber security for businesses, communities, and local governments across the state of West Virginia.



Upcoming Learning Opportunities

DEC 01

HGB Site Visit

BOLD at Marshall will welcome Christine Adams, Senior Director of Programs & Operations, and Gail Evans, Advisor of Women's Leadership Programs for a campus visit.

DEC 04

Trauma Informed Yoga

Alissa Rookard, BOLD at Marshall Director and certified TI YOGA instructor, will begin with guided meditation that flows seamlessly into restorative physical practice.

Upcoming Info Sessions for 2028 Cohort- Feb. 18 & Mar. 4, 2026

Know a rising junior that would excel in our program?

Invite them to attend our upcoming information sessions.

Register now at www.marshall.edu/bold/.

