



MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT
2026



The One Hundred Eighty-Ninth
Commencement
Marshall University

Today's Ceremony

Welcome to Marshall University on this day of special recognition of our candidates for graduation. We hope you will find this ceremony - a culmination of the efforts of faculty, staff, our students and their families - both meaningful and impressive.

While awaiting the start of the ceremony, you may wish to read the historical notes on West Virginia's oldest university on the following pages. There also is a brief description and picture of The Grand Mace. The narration on academic heraldry will detail the significance of the costumes worn by the participants in today's ceremony.

The exercises begin with the platform party consisting of the Academic Deans, Honorary Degree recipients, special guests of the President and the President of the University being led to the platform by the Chief Faculty Marshal, a distinguished member of the faculty, bearing The Grand Mace. The placing of The Grand Mace on the platform signifies the solemnity of the occasion and officially denotes the opening of the ceremony.

The University requests that in keeping with the formality of the occasion, once the procession begins, please do not move onto the floor during the ceremony. And, out of respect for the ceremony, please turn off all cellular phones and electronic devices before the procession.

Later in the ceremony, the audience is requested to remain seated when the graduates come forward to be recognized individually. We will have a photographer in place to take each graduate's picture.

Following the singing of the Alma Mater, graduates will be presented with their degrees on stage. The audience is requested to remain seated following the Alma Mater until the platform party and faculty have recessed which will signal the end of the program. Once again, welcome to the 2026 Commencement exercises of Marshall University.

Enjoy this day of academic celebration with the Marshall Family of faculty, staff and students.

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The Office of the Registrar oversees the planning and coordination of the commencement ceremony and the preparation of the official program. We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to the many faculty, staff, and volunteers whose efforts support the success of commencement. Special thanks to those assisting with creating a meaningful and memorable experience for our graduates and their families.

Disclaimer:

The list of May degree candidates in this program is tentative based on the anticipated successful completion of courses undertaken during the Spring 2026 semester. This document should not be used as an official record for May candidates.

Spring Commencement Program

May 9, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. Ceremony

President Brad D. Smith, Presiding

Members of the Marshall University Wind Symphony
and School of Music Faculty

Dr. Phillip Vallejo, Director of Bands

Processional.....	Ceremonial Marches
National Anthem	Rachelle Snyder BA, Music and BA, Communication Disorders Candidate
Moment of Reflection	Brad D. Smith President
Opening Remarks	President Smith
Greetings.....	Geoffrey S. Sheils Chairman, Marshall University Board of Governors Shawn R. Schulenberg Chair, Faculty Senate Richard Egleton Chair, Graduate Council Lacie Bittinger Chair, Classified Staff Council Brian M. Morgan Chair, Non-Classified Staff Council Connor Waller President, Student Government Association
Introduction of the Commencement Speaker	President Smith
Commencement Address	Jim Thornton Announcer, Wheel of Fortune
Recognition of Graduates Earning Academic Honors	Robert B. Bookwalter Provost and Senior Vice President
Recognition of Honors College Graduates	Brian A. Hoey Dean, Honors College
Recognition of Doctoral Degree Candidates	
Doctor of Business Administration by Dean Rohan Christie-David	
Doctor of Education by Associate Dean Debra Lockwood	
Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice by Dean Rohan Christie-David	

Conferring of Doctoral Degrees	President Smith
Recognition of Physician Assistant Candidates	David Gozal Dean and Vice President for Health Affairs, Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine
Conferring of Physician Assistant Degrees	President Smith
Recognition of Master’s Degree Candidates	Carl Mummert Assistant Provost of Graduate Studies
Conferring of Master’s Degrees	President Smith
Recognition of Associate’s and Bachelor’s Degree Candidates	
College of Education and Professional Development by Associate Dean Debra Lockwood	
Lewis College of Business by Dean Rohan Christie-David	
College of Engineering and Computer Sciences by Dean David A. Dampier	
Division of Aviation by Associate Provost Karen L. McComas	
College of Science by Dean Wesley E. Stites	
Conferring of Associate’s and Bachelor’s Degrees	President Smith
Moving of the Tassel	Provost Bookwalter
Alumni Association Greetings	Jimmy Black President, Marshall University Alumni Association Board of Directors
Closing Remarks	President Smith
Alma Mater	Ms. Snyder
Presentation of Doctoral Diplomas	
Doctor of Business Administration by Dean Rohan Christie-David	
Doctor of Education by Associate Dean Debra Lockwood	
Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice by Dean Rohan Christie-David	
Presentation of Physician Assistant Candidates	
School of Medicine by Dean David Gozal	
Presentation of Master’s Degree Candidates	
Graduate Studies by Assistant Provost Carl Mummert	
Presentation of Associate’s and Bachelor’s Degree Candidates	
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Lewis College of Business by Dean Rohan Christie-David	
College of Engineering and Computer Sciences by Dean David A. Dampier	
Division of Aviation by Associate Provost Karen L. McComas	
College of Science by Dean Wesley E. Stites	
Recessional	Platform Party

Spring Commencement Program

May 9, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. Ceremony

President Brad D. Smith, Presiding

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and School of Music Faculty

Dr. Phillip Vallejo, Director of Bands

Processional.....	Ceremonial Marches
National Anthem.....	Emma Dial BFA, Music Graduate
Moment of Reflection.....	Brad D. Smith President
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Introduction of the Commencement Speaker.....	President Smith
Commencement Address.....	Jim Thornton Announcer, Wheel of Fortune
Conferring of the Honorary Degree	
Candidate presented by.....	President Smith
Candidate hooded by.....	Robert B. Bookwalter Provost and Senior Vice President

Jim Thornton - Doctor of Fine Arts

Recognition of Graduates Earning Academic Honors	Provost Bookwalter
Recognition of Honors College Graduates	Brian A. Hoey Dean, Honors College
Recognition of Doctoral Degree Candidates	
Doctor of Nursing Practice by Dean Michael W. Prewitt	
Doctor of Pharmacy by Dean Eric R. Blough	
Doctor of Physical Therapy by Dean Michael W. Prewitt	
Conferring of Doctoral Degrees	President Smith
Recognition of Master’s Degree Candidates	Carl Mummert Assistant Provost of Graduate Studies
Conferring of Master’s Degrees	President Smith
Recognition of Associate’s and Bachelor’s Degree Candidates	
College of Arts and Media by Dean Maria P. Gindhart	
University College by Associate Provost Karen L. McComas	
College of Liberal Arts by Dean Kelli Prejean	
College of Health Professions by Dean Michael W. Prewitt	
Conferring of Associate’s and Bachelor’s Degrees	President Smith
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Recessional	Platform Party

Commencement Speaker



Jim Thornton

Jim Thornton is the announcer for Wheel of Fortune and Celebrity Wheel of Fortune.

Since his start with the show in 2011, Thornton has become a popular figure among fans, especially on the game show's social media platforms.

One of the most popular and distinctive voices in Southern California, Thornton has been a part of KNX 1070 Newsradio since 1985. He began by providing traffic reports through the syndicated service, "Metro Traffic." He later became a full-time morning traffic anchor for both KNX and CBS2 News, and in 2005, was promoted to afternoon

drive news co-anchor on KNX.

Thornton began his broadcast career in 1983 in his hometown of Huntington, W. Va. at WOWK-TV while attending Marshall University. A year later, he moved to California and by 1989, he had his own morning show on Magic 94.3 FM in the San Fernando Valley. In 1992, Thornton became a "Hot Country" disc jockey for Westwood One Radio Networks, hosting a live music broadcast from coast to coast. From 1995 to 1999, he was the voice of Channel 13, KCOPTV, in Los Angeles.

Over the course of his career, Thornton has received numerous broadcasting accolades including the Edward R. Murrow award, Golden Mike awards and an Emmy. He also lent his voice to the 2011 Oscar-Nominated Short Animated Film, "Let's Pollute." Viewers may also recognize his voice from his diverse body of voiceover work including Disney's "Monsters, Inc." and "Celebrity Deathmatch." He's been heard in numerous TV and radio commercials as well.

Thornton lives in Los Angeles, but he and his wife Sue have a historic home they visit often in Jim's native Ohio Valley. They both have a passion for old houses, so renovations and restorations keep them busy. Their current project is his family's historic Federal-era home on the banks of The Ohio River. The old brick building served as the local post office and is believed to have been a stop on The Underground Railroad prior to The Civil War. The couple hopes to preserve it for future generations to appreciate.



The President's Medallion and Grand Mace

Marshall University traces its origins to the founding of the Marshall Academy in 1837. The Academy was named in honor of John Marshall, the fourth Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, who died on July 6, 1835.

The Marshall University community has taken great pride in observing the memory of our namesake, who has been described by biographer, Jean Edward Smith, an esteemed member of the Marshall University faculty until his death in 2019, as the "Definer of the United States Constitution." John Marshall was a man for the ages in an era that brought forth greatness. Characterized by others as befitting Thomas Babington Macaulay's description, "He neither sought nor shunned greatness, and found glory only because glory lay in the plain path of duty."

Chief Justice John Marshall served the Supreme Court in that capacity from 1801 to 1835, the longest serving Chief Justice in United States history. He is widely regarded as having established a broad interpretation of the Constitution of the United States, which established the Constitution as the basis of the American legal system and the "rule of law" as the law of the land. During his tenure as Chief Justice, the Judicial Branch of the new American government rose to a level of importance commensurate with that of the Executive and Legislative Branches.

John Marshall's image is used prominently in both the Marshall University President's Medallion and the Grand Mace of the University. The President's Medallion is the badge of office for the presidency of Marshall University. It consists of a relief carving of the seal of the university, which features the likeness of John Marshall. It is worn by the President when he is participating in formal University ceremonies.



The Grand Mace, a symbol of authority and leadership, is carried by the Chief Marshal of the Faculty at all formal University occasions and is displayed on the platform during these functions. The mace is made from a limb that fell from the Old Beech Tree in front of Old Main on the Huntington campus. The beech tree was part of the original farm on which Marshall Academy was founded, and was a campus fixture until it was toppled by a wind storm in 1987. It was believed to have been more than 300 years old and had initials and marks carved by hundreds of former Marshall students.

The top of the mace consists of a gold-plated bronze casting that features, on one side, the Seal of Marshall University, and, on the other side, the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia. These features are surrounded by beech leaves and the entire casting is crested by a torch, symbolic of academic excellence.

Immediately below the top casting is a four-sided section with carved symbols significant to the history of the University – the towers of Old Main, the Memorial Fountain, the seal of Marshall College, and an American bison (commonly known as a buffalo), official mascot of the institution's athletic teams. The area immediately surrounding the four carvings features small clusters of beech nuts and leaves.

The center portion of the mace is carved in double-wrap ribbon, one-half inch wide. Between the gaps in the ribbon wraps are carved beech leaves descending in size. The base of the mace is protected by a gold-plated bronze casting of beech leaf clusters. The entire mace weighs about 25 pounds and is 66 inches from the top of the torch to the base.

Both the President's Medallion and the Grand Mace were created in 1986 by Byron Johnson. Mr. Johnson, an honor graduate of Marshall University, is a renowned wood carver and sculptor, as well as an art teacher in the public schools.

Faculty with 25 or more years of service as of May 2026

Ronald Childress	College of Education and Professional Development	51
Dennis Emmett	Lewis College of Business	50
Gary Rankin	School of Medicine	47
Diana Parnicza	College of Health Professions	45
John Vielkind	College of Liberal Arts	44
Jamil Chaudri	College of Engineering and Computer Sciences	42
Patricia Kelly	School of Medicine	42
Charles Bailey	College of Arts and Media	41
Wendell Dobbs	College of Arts and Media	41
Laura Adkins	College of Science	40
Ron Titus	University Libraries	40
Monica Valentovic	School of Medicine	40
Michael Castellani	College of Science	38
Sasha Zill	School of Medicine	38
Jagannath Valluri	College of Science	37
Nosratollah Chahryar-Namini	College of Engineering and Computer Sciences	37
Rabah Boukhemis	School of Medicine	37
T.D. Linz	College of Liberal Arts	36
Jeremy Barris	College of Liberal Arts	36
Dae Sung Ha	Lewis College of Business	36
Joseph Evans	School of Medicine	36
Kathleen O'Hanlon	School of Medicine	36
Joseph Werthammer	School of Medicine	36
Dennis Anderson	College of Education and Professional Development	35
Alan Horwitz	College of Science	35
Marianna Linz	College of Liberal Arts	34
Todd Green	School of Medicine	34
Paula Lucas	College of Education and Professional Development	33
Stephen Tipler	University Libraries	33
Christopher LeGrow	College of Liberal Arts	33
David Denning	School of Medicine	33
Ralph Webb	School of Medicine	33
Barbara Nicholson	College of Education and Professional Development	32
Silvestre Cansino	School of Medicine	32
Beverly Delidow	School of Medicine	32
Lynne Goebel	School of Medicine	32
Lawrence Grover	School of Medicine	32
Mark Studeny	School of Medicine	32
W. Mitchel Shaver	School of Medicine	32
James Hall	College of Arts and Media	31
Victor Fet	College of Science	31
Richard Garnett	College of Liberal Arts	31
Elizabeth Alexander	Lewis College of Business	31
Adel Faltaous	School of Medicine	31
David Jude	School of Medicine	31
J. Michael Waldeck	School of Medicine	31
Jeffrey Powell	College of Liberal Arts	30
Rebecca Appleton	College of Health Professions	30
Montserrat Miller	College of Liberal Arts	30
Kevin Conaway	School of Medicine	30
Darshana Shah	School of Medicine	30
Paulette Wehner	School of Medicine	30

Faculty with 25 or more years of service as of May 2026

Timothy Burbery	College of Liberal Arts	29
William Price	College of Science	29
Leslie Frost	College of Science	29
John Colclough	College of Arts and Media	28
Barbara O'Byrne	College of Education and Professional Development	28
Kelli Williams	College of Health Professions	28
Kevin McCann	School of Medicine	28
Patricia Lutz	School of Medicine	28
Gary McIlvain	College of Health Professions	27
Melisa Reed	College of Education and Professional Development	27
Thelma Isaacs	College of Education and Professional Development	27
Dan Hollis	College of Arts and Media	27
Howard Reynolds	College of Arts and Media	27
Lisa Burke	School of Medicine	27
David Chaffin	School of Medicine	27
Eduardo Pino	School of Medicine	27
Jacqueline Ray	School of Medicine	27
George Watson	College of Education and Professional Development	26
Jennifer Mak	Lewis College of Business	26
Lisa Heaton	College of Education and Professional Development	26
Clayton Brooks	College of Science	26
Michael Stroehrer	College of Arts and Media	26
Keith Beard	College of Liberal Arts	26
Helen Imes	College of Health Professions	26
Richard Agesa	Lewis College of Business	26
Jacqueline Agesa	Lewis College of Business	26
Jose Morillo	College of Liberal Arts	26
Shannon Butler	College of Liberal Arts	26
Thomas Klein	College of Education and Professional Development	26
Melinda Backus	College of Education and Professional Development	26
Mary Gould	College of Health Professions	26
Hongwei Yu	School of Medicine	26
Chaundra Maddox	School of Medicine	26
Jamey Halleck	Lewis College of Business	25
James Leonard	College of Liberal Arts	25
Mark Zanter	College of Arts and Media	25
Uday Tate	Lewis College of Business	25
Loukia Dixon	College of Health Professions	25
Marybeth Beller	College of Liberal Arts	25
Scott Simonton	College of Engineering and Computer Sciences	25
Susan Welch	College of Health Professions	25
Thomas Jones	College of Science	25
John Young	College of Liberal Arts	25
Brenda Mitchell	School of Medicine	25
Jay Neagele	School of Medicine	25
Christopher Deweese	School of Medicine	25

Recognition of Honored Faculty

Retiring Faculty 2025-2026

Maria Archambault	Associate Professor	Accountancy & Legal Environment
Tammy Bannister	Professor	Family Medicine
Nesreen Benhamed	Associate Professor	Internal Medicine
Robert Bookwalter	Interim Provost & Senior VP	Academic Affairs
Lisa Burton	Professor	Counseling
Robert Deal	Professor	History
Loukia Dixon	Associate Professor	Communication Disorders
Thomas Dougherty	Associate Professor	Pathology
Lori Ellison	Professor	Counseling
Charles Giangarra	Professor	Orthopedic Surgery
Alan Horwitz	Associate Professor	Mathematics & Physics
Patricia J. Kelly	Professor	Pediatrics
Penny Koontz	Professor	Psychology
Montserrat Miller	Professor	History
Barbara Nicholson	Professor	Leadership Studies
Nancy Norton	Associate Professor	Pathology
John Parker, Jr.	Professor	Family & Community Health
Diana Parnicza	Professor	Nursing
David Pittenger	Professor	Psychology
Michael Prewitt	Dean / Professor	College of Health Professions
Sandy Prunty	Professor	Nursing
Lisa Ramsburg	Professor	Nursing
W. Mitchel Shaver	Professor	Family & Community Health
Carol Smith	Professor	Counseling
Charles Stivason	Associate Professor	Accountancy & Legal Environment
Barbara Tarter	Professor	Communication Studies
Maria Tirona	Professor	Oncology
John Vielkind	Professor	Humanities
Susan Welch	Associate Professor	Nursing
William Willis	Associate Professor	Management & HCA

Distinguished Service Awards 2025-2026

Sissy Isaacs	Associate Dean	College of Education and Professional Development
Vicki Stroehrer	Associate Dean	College of Arts and Media
Jamie Warner	Professor	Political Science

Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award 2025-2026

Walter Squire	Associate Professor	English
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Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award 2025-2026

Rick Gage	Associate Professor	Natural Resources and Earth Sciences
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Pickens-Queen Teacher Awards 2025-2026

Jodi Cottrell	Assistant Professor	Communication Disorders
Deborah Thurman	Assistant Professor	English
Sarah Walton	Assistant Professor	English

Council of Chairs Excellence in Teaching Award 2025-2026

Nicole Lawrence	Assistant Professor	English
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Recognition of Honored Faculty

Distinguished Artists & Scholars Award 2025-2026

Senior Recipient for Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities, Education & Business
Jess Morrisette Professor Political Science

Senior Recipient for Sciences & Technology

Derrick Kolling Professor Chemistry

John and Frances Rucker Outstanding Graduate Advisor Award 2025-2026

Rich Jones Professor Communication Studies
Husnu Narman Associate Professor Computer Sciences

Academic Heraldry

The academic costumes worn in the procession of today's Commencement and at other formal University occasions trace their origins to those worn by faculty and students at medieval European universities. With only minor modifications these costumes have remained largely unchanged since the 16th century. Standards for colleges and universities in the United States were established in 1895 with the adoption of an Intercollegiate Code which specifies design and color appropriate for various degrees. As in medieval times, the costumes worn on formal academic occasions denote the wearer's academic heritage.

Modern academic costume consists of three parts: the gown or robe, a headpiece, and a hood. The style of the gown denotes the wearer's level of education. The baccalaureate gown is the simplest in design. Usually black, it is distinguished by a wide yoke with shirring in front and back and by open flowing sleeves which end in a point. The baccalaureate gown is worn closed.

The master's gown is similar to the baccalaureate gown except that it has a closed or glove sleeve which is open at the wrist. The master's gown has no other trim and may be worn either open or closed.

The doctoral gown is full flowing and has large bell shaped sleeves. It is trimmed with velvet panels down the front and has velvet chevrons on the sleeves. While black is still the predominate color for doctoral gowns, the trim may be in a color which denotes the wearer's discipline or the color of the gown may denote the wearer's university.

The mortar board is the headpiece most often worn at American universities for formal occasions. It is appropriately worn with the board flat on the top of the head and with the tassel falling from the left quarter of the board. Tassel colors usually denote the field of discipline in which the wearer's degree was earned. Doctoral tassels are often gold. The soft velvet Tudor cap is also worn by many who hold the doctorate.

While the gown and headpiece denote the wearer's level of education, it is the hood which adds meaning and dimension to the academic costume. Changed little since medieval times, the hood is worn falling from the shoulders down the back of the gown in a display of vivid color. It is edged in velvet which by its color denotes the field of discipline in which the wearer's degree was earned and it is lined in two colors of silk which represents the college or university from which the degree was earned. Hence the Marshall University hood is lined in green and white and edged with the appropriate discipline color.

A partial listing from the Intercollegiate Code for colors signifying academic disciplines follows:

Arts and Humanities	White	Nursing	Apricot
Business.....	Drab	Pharmacy.....	Olive Green
Communication	Crimson	Philosophy and Ph.D.....	Dark Blue
Education.....	Light Blue	Physical Therapy	Teal
Engineering.....	Orange	Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Health and Rehabilitation.....	Sage Green	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Library Science.....	Lemon	Psychology, Psy.D.....	Dark Blue
Medicine	Kelly Green	Science	Science Gold
Music (M.A.).....	White	Social Science.....	Citron

At Marshall University, holders of the bachelor and associate degrees do not wear hoods. The color of the tassel on their caps indicates the level of academic excellence achieved in pursuit of their respective degrees.

Profile of Marshall University

The early days of Marshall University are filled with rich history and traditions.

To put things in chronological perspective, the academic saga started in 1837 when the good citizens of Guyandotte and the farming country to the west – now the city of Huntington – decided they needed an annual school to provide for the education of their youth.

Tradition records they met at the home of John Laidley, who assumed leadership of the project and named the new school Marshall Academy in honor of his friend, the late Chief Justice John Marshall. They decided to locate their new school on a knoll known as “Maple Grove,” site of a small log building called Mount Hebron Church. The structure also had served for some time as a subscription school for the area.

It wasn’t until March 30, 1838, that the General Assembly of Virginia passed an act formally incorporating Marshall Academy and appointing Laidley and eight other men as trustees.

On June 30 of that year, the trustees purchased from James and Lucy Holderby the one and one-fourth acre lot containing their log “academy.” The price: \$40. That land is now the site of Old Main.

The trustees proceeded to build a new two-story, brick building, 22 feet wide and 50 feet long, containing four rooms. It was completed by February, 1839.

The first full school term was conducted in 1838-39. In 1850, the academy and its financial obligations were accepted by the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In 1858, Marshall Academy was renamed Marshall College. Due to financial problems the property was sold at public auction in 1861.

Ms. Salina Mason bought the land and building for \$1,500 for her father, John W. Hite. He was a Confederate sympathizer and could not appear in court in his own behalf. For the next few years, Hite and his family lived in the college building.

During at least part of the war, a small school, probably a subscription school, was maintained at the college – fulfilling a provision in the original deed from James Holderby which specified it was to be used “...for the express purpose of an Academy (sic) and for no other use.” The building also was used as a hospital during part of the conflict.

Meanwhile, the new state of West Virginia had recognized the need for an institution to train teachers to serve the state’s public schools.

On Feb. 27, 1867, the Legislature voted approval of a bill establishing a “state normal school” to be located at Marshall College.

In order to get the college reopened, the voters of Cabell County approved a property tax levy amounting to \$5,000. The state also appropriated funds and on Aug. 1, 1867, the school’s regents

purchased the lot and building from Mrs. Mason for \$3,600.

The first session of Marshall College as a state normal school began June 15, 1868. In 1905, construction was started on the final section of Old Main. This is the familiar “towers” segment facing the main entrance to the campus on Hal Greer Boulevard. With its completion, Old Main consisted of five sections.

Athletics got their start at Marshall with the first football team being fielded in 1898. The Marshall teams originally were known as the Blue and Black, but the now-familiar Green and White colors had been adopted by 1904.

In 1907, Marshall was still strictly a secondary school. By 1912, the regents had added two years of study to the school’s program, equivalent to the freshman and sophomore years in college. In 1914, President Corbly recommended that “...Marshall College should be made a ‘college’ in fact as well as in official name – a degree-conferring institution.”

The years ahead saw steady academic and physical expansion and Marshall became a university in 1961. Marshall has an enrollment of about 13,300, a full-time instructional faculty of 816 and 230 part-time instructors.

The small academy has become a major university, functioning through the following 12 academic units: the Graduate Studies; the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences; the College of Business; the College of Education and Professional Development; the College of Arts and Media; the College of Liberal Arts; the College of Science; the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine; the University College; the College of Health Professions, the Honors College and the School of Pharmacy.

Marshall has two major campuses, one in Huntington and one in South Charleston, along with several learning centers including the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine; the Marshall Medical Center; the Learning Resource Center in Gilbert; the Mid-Ohio Valley Center in Point Pleasant; the Southern Mountain Center in Logan; the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing, and the Public Higher Education Center in Beckley.

Marshall continues to grow academically, adding a Doctor of Physical Therapy program and a School of Pharmacy in 2012. The inaugural physical therapy class graduated in 2015 with 27 students. The School of Pharmacy’s first class graduated in 2016. The Division of Aviation programs and a Physician Assistant program are now also offered at Marshall.

Class of 2026 Honor Graduates

Bachelor Degree Candidates

Summa Cum Laude

Green and White Cord and White Tassel

The students have attained an overall academic average of 3.85 to 4.00.

Haleigh R Adkins	Jordyn Andrew Ely	Jackson Charles Murphy
Jordan Marie Aleshire	Daniella Rashea Ewing	Cody Robert Nantz
Benjamin Drake Anderson	Hayden Matthew Farley	Sophia Marie Newsome
Madelyn Elaine Anderson	Josie Anne Farris	Brooke Makayla Ooten
George Washington Anderson IV	Kaden D Fields	Alexa Brianna Pace
Eliza C Aulick	Avery Grace Fife	Baylee Dane Parsons
Harper Ragan Aulick	Kendra Sue Fischer	Olivia Marie Parsons
Kaylee Grace Babbitt	Kaitlyn Grace Fleming	Jaidyn Lynelle Patrick
Abigail Baldwin	Kaleb Robert Frye	Hannah Ruth Patton
Caden Robert Beam	Leslie Michelle Garvis	Rachel Madison Pauley
Gabrielle Violet Belcher	Isabella R Gerlach	Mackenzie Mae Payne
Hannah Gabrielle Bellville	Emily Madison Gillispie	Sydney Marie Pearson
Hailey Elizabeth Benson	Aaron Chandler Grimmett	Margaret Mary Piaskowski
Levi Preston Blankenship	Aneesh Gupta	Brody C Pinson
Isabella Marie Boehm	Bryna Geralyn Guy	Scott Kerry Price
Asha Marie Bora	Andrew D Haberlein	Luke MacGhee Proehl
Amelia Joyce Bowen	Sierra Brooke Hall	Ryann R Province
Mychal Alana Brisker-Cron	Emma Loree Harless	Justin Shane Pullins
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Gwyneth McKenna Capehart	Dylan A Lester	Emma Alora Grace Seagle
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Stephen Cole Carpenter	Alyson Nicole Long	Audrey Kathleen Smith
Timothy Steve Chapman II	Olivia D Lopez	Carson Shea Smith
Reagan Abigail Clagg	Samantha Nicole Lucas	Kaelin Mellila Smith
Maritza Cobian	Joshua Ryan Lynch	Rachelle Eden Snyder
Erik Diesel Cochrane	Tyler Joseph Marcum	Tierney Eno Sollars
Christopher Cade Cole	Kassandra Paige Martin	Alexus Maria-Nichole Steele
Ashlee Corinne Conley	Cara Reann Masters	Connor Marcus Stonestreet
Ryan Matthew Cook	Meghan Leigh McCallister	Vijaya Lakshmi Sundaram
Miriam Kennedy Crookshanks	Mika Blakelyn McCormick	Samuel Ray Sutphin
Lindsey Day Cutler	Benjamin Paul McElroy	Olivia Brooke Taylor
Andrew Stephen d'Arms	Samuel James McElwain	Kierstyn A Terry
Sydnee A Darst	Jacqueline Renee Meredith	Bella Ann Thompson
Grace Erin Dickerson	Brianna Faith Miller	Joel Patrick Thompson
Madison L Duffield	Edith Charlotte Mitra	Monica Joy Thompson
Alexa Taylor Dunsmore	Jacob Paul Mrozek	Jayce David Townsend
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Abigail J Wilson
Alexus Holly Wood

Hadley Lauran Wood
Megan Elizabeth Wroblewski

Magna Cum Laude

Gold Cord and Gold Tassel

These students have attained an overall academic average of 3.60 to 3.84.

Katy Melinda Addie
Olivia Kathleen Allen
Olivia Grace Allen
Hamzeh Al-Qawasmi
Victoria Rhayne Andrick
Sharon Lita Arix Michael
Skylar Stone Arthur
Mikayla D Bailey
Brooklyn Nicole Ballard
Alec Michael Barnett
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Morgan Benjamin Black
Jacob Cyrus James Blackburn
Kaylei JoLynn Blackburn
Stephanie Sue Blankenship
Reagan N Boggess
Kinley Faith Booth
Michael Hamilton Borsuk
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Alexis Kiara Bowles
Karli E Bowling
Holly Elizabeth Bragg
Cayden M Brammer
Shaylee Kierston Brown
Dakota Lee Browning-Linville
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Sean Dilen Caldwell
James Isaac Campbell
Elizabeth Anne Carrico
Lara Tiarne Check
Kayla Lee Clatterbuck
Justin Michael Cornell
Nathan P Courtney
Jackson Gregory Crawford
Elijah David Crompton
Emma Allyce Crouch
Aayush Damai
Jordyn Kaitlyn Damron
Abby Elizabeth Darnley
Katherine Paige Darnley
Rhiannon L Dillon
William David Dillow

Jack Robert Dowling
McKensie Elisabeth Dudley
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Lisa Ann Harrold
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Cierra Nyle Haynes
Joshua Zane Helton
Angela Marie Henning
Erika Nichole Hilliard
Cailey Briann Hinkle
Laikyn Rylee Hinkle
Gracy Lynn Hodge
Michael Paul Hovatter
Chloe Lynn Huff
Tre Thaxton Hyre
Peyton Grace Ilderton
Kristopher Jawaan Jackson
Ashton Ryder James
Keenan Andrew Janicker

Kenneth Steven Johnson
Mika Leeann Jones
Dalton Scott Jordan
Kayley B King
Hollie Cathryn Kirk
Hunter Bradley Lilly
Emily Jo Lore
Kaleb Neal Losh
Josie Brenee Lovejoy
McCain P Lucas
Emma Danielle Luikart
Aiden Lee Bryce Marcum
McKenzie Allison Rae Martin
Grace Ann Mason
Mia Caras McBride
Zachary Walter McCoy
Mary Rhiannon McIlwain
Evan Blaine Miller
Clara Lynne Minnich
Lakeisha Lee Mitchell
Levi Dalton Mitchell
Kayla Shain Moffatt
Joel Connor Mollineaux
Lindsey Paige Moore
Markayla Cassandra Moore
Alana Raine Muncy-Morris
Kirstyn Maria Neace
Gavin Blaine Nease
Douglas Newell IV
Jack Harrison Robert Newhouse
Harold Frederick Nicely
Demi Ann Olin
Cade Alexander Parlato
Julia Grace Parsons
Landon C Paugh
Dominic Xavier Pauley
Yusuf Adam Pell
Ronald Lee Perkins III
Nicco Storm Petrozelli
Blayde Alexander Pinnell
Emma Kathryn Poulton
Alexee Hui Powell
Sophia Marisa Price
Landon Michael Priddy
Korey Adam Pritt

Abigail Grace Quesenberry
Marcella Jane Rader
Jaila Raeissi
Evan C Rakes
Adriana Janae Raymore
Ian Vann Reedy
Zaira Marie Rhodes
William Joseph Rice
Kylie Paige Roberts
Brooklyn Dawn Rood
Callie Joyce Rooper
Austin Lee Salmons
Sidney Grace Sampson
Tara Catherine Sams
Sydney Kathryn Scholl
Peter Joseph Schuh
Emma Elizabeth Schumacher
Gabriella Sevilla
Maddox Ryan Shafer
Paige Simpson

Joshua Alexander Sims
Jaiden Marie Skaff
Avery E Smith
Jaydah Lynne Smith
Kiley Morgan Sollars
Alana J Sommer
Logan Tyler Southall
Rainier Q Spears
Marianna Elizabeth Spoor
Lucas Ryan Stanley
Levi Trey Strieter
Teanna Dawn Marie Stubbs
Brianna Faith Sutphin
Luke Patrick Tankersley
Allison Nicole Tennant
Luke Tilka
Olivia Ashton Turner
Erin Leigh Tutwiler
Kaleigh Nichole Underwood
Allison Denise Unger

Jordyn Jade Varney
Gustavo Vaz Da Veiga
Marshall Logan Villers
Payton Matthew Villers
Natalie Grace Ward
Peyton Elizabeth Ward
Tobias C Washburn
Mollie Christian Watts
Loryn Ashlee Weaver
Thomas Grant Webb
Austin Nathan Weikle
Luke Michael Wells
Adam Dale Whitehair
Maxwell Christopher Wiley
Kyra Emalee Wilson
Hannah Elizabeth Wyler
Shelby Lynn Yonish
Rilee Madison Zerkle
Maggie A Zeysing

Cum Laude

Red Cord and Red Tassel

These students have attained an overall academic average of 3.30 to 3.59.

Trista Maria Adams
Alexie A Adkins
Madison Lee-Harper Allen
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Kamon Lee Anderson
Alyssa Mae Arbaugh
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Miah L Ashworth
Braden Scott Austin
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Chloe Lauren Bills
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Samuel David Bolyard
Camryn E Bookwalter
Samantha Jo Bostic
Shantel Boutillette
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Alyssa Christine Brakefield
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Teanna Lynn Burns
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Mallory Anne Carpenter
Anastasia Josephine Carr
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Ian Henry Castleberry
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Liberty Faith Justice
Heather M Kalaw
Kendall Paige Keeney
Riley Elizabeth Keller
Samuel Perry Keller
William Kevin Craig Kelley
Shea M Kendrick
Avery Madison King
Ami Komori
Emma Suzanne Korstanje
Zoe Dawn Leunissen
Brandi Lewis
Katy Marie Limanen
Elizabeth Rose Litton
Victoria Grace Macri
Morgan Ashley Marshall
Brianna Marie Maybush
Candace Mae Maynard
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Mackenzie Paige Maynard
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Presley Kate McGee
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Jenna Michelle Nichols
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Liani Jade Ortega
Brennan David Overby
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LaTosha Lynn Perry
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Isaiah J Pierson
Leah Christine Pifer
Riley Ayesha Pilkington
Maggie Michelle Price
Tyanna Moesha Price
Amber Dawn Pridemore
Abigaile Dawn Prince
Marin Elizabeth Rader
Marlie Georgia Ramey
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Trevor Gregory Schuetz
Yasmin Seid
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Vitaliy Yevgenievich Shakirov
Marilyn Elise Shamblen
Benjamin Ryan Shanks
Maddison Jo Shelton
Lucas Shepherd
Seth Michael Shilot
Gary Short
Paige Elizabeth Shy

Anthony Douglas Siminski
Nikolos Edward Sindledecker
Whitney Brooke Sisler
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William K Stanley III
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Erin Elizabeth Sturgill
Ethan Glen Sturgill
Grant A Swider
Bryson Lee Tate
Emma Lou Taylor
Wendy Renee Taylor
Jacob David Teodoro
Daveisha A Thomas
Kylee Rae Thomas
Brandt Allen Thompson
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Charity Grace Toth
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Bethany Ariel Denise Watson
Dylan Bradley Watts
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Starr Parker Wilkinson
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James Richard Wolfingbarger
Christian Scott Woody
Nina Anne Woodyard
Nikolas Riley Jordan Workman
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Ava Grace Young
Faith Rebekah Young

Associate Degree Candidates

With High Honors

Royal Blue Cord and Royal Blue Tassel

These students have attained an overall academic average of 3.70 to 4.00

Randyn Gles Adkins

Madelyn Nicole Eddy

Rachel Madison Pauley

With Honors

Royal Blue Cord and Royal Blue Tassel

These students have attained an overall academic average of 3.30 to 3.69.

Haylee Marie Adkins

Jaxon Reid Fortner

Makenna Robinson

Maria Adnan Assi

Sophia G Gifford

Haileigh Danielle Runyon

Evan H Boggs

Savannah Jane Hedrick

Aiden Parker Slack

Giovanna Rose Brunetti

Kassidy Alyn Jarvis

Jacob Allen Lee Thompson

Haley E Clark

Jillian Hannah Kuhn

Abigail F Valentine

Natalie Paige Clayton

Chantel Selina Mayes

Kaleigh Elise Womack

Emily Sue Dougherty

Kayte Marie Perrine

Lauren Dare Workman

The Honors College

Candidates presented by Brian A. Hoey, Dean

University Honors

George Washington Anderson IV

Piper Rose Estep

Baylee Dane Parsons

Harper Ragan Aulick

Andrew M Fields

Margaret Mary Piaskowski

Kaylee Grace Babbitt

Kaitlyn Grace Fleming

Blayde Alexander Pinnell

Gabrielle Violet Belcher

Kaleb Robert Frye

Brody C Pinson

Asha Marie Bora

Aaron Chandler Grimmett

Scott Kerry Price

Amelia Joyce Bowen

Sidney Dawn Harrison

Ryann R Province

Alexis Kiara Bowles

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Fiona Margaret Reynolds

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Maya Michele Hunt

Brooklyn Dawn Rood

James Isaac Campbell

Kayley B King

Blaise Christopher Schray

Gwyneth McKenna Capehart

Tyler Joseph Marcum

Gabriella Sevilla

Stephen Cole Carpenter

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Vitaliy Yevgenievich Shakirov

Destiny L Cintron

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Jaiden Marie Skaff

Erik Diesel Cochrane

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Caleb James Cox

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Megan Elizabeth Wroblewski

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Tyler Joseph Marcum

Alexus Maria-Nichole Steele

James Isaac Campbell

Ryann R Province

Bella Ann Thompson

Erik Diesel Cochrane

William D Raines

Connor Douglas Waller

Kyleigh Makeena Hoey

Military Commissions

United States Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Battalion

The following individuals were commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army at Marshall University on May 8th, 2026.

Reagan Alan Hines
Caleb James Cox
Emily Barbara Ward

Candidates and Degrees Granted

College of Arts and Media

Candidates presented by Maria P. Gindhart, Dean

Candidates for Degrees May 9, 2026

Bachelor of Arts

Benjamin Drake Anderson
Hannah Gabrielle Bellville
Holly Christine Belmont
Riley Norman Burnett
Maritza Cobian
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Ashley Summer Ferguson
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Thomas G Henkle IV
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Timothy Marchal
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Brooklyn Dawn Rood
Rebekah Grace Ruthers
Lainey Myrian Sansom
Gabriella Sevilla
Rachelle Eden Snyder
Haven Amberleigh Steele
Alexander James Treacy
Jacob Paul Twargoski
Natalie Grace Ward

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Benjamin Michael Ardman
Eliza C Aulick
Victoria Rose Bannon
Gabriella L Bellomy
Nathaniel J Bruce
Dakota James Capper-Lang
Haley Brooke Childs
Matthew Alexander Cooksey
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Joshua Ryan Lynch
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Samuel James McElwain
Dylan Patrick Morgan
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Charles Austin Ray
Magdalen Joyce Robinson
Jillian Abbigail Thompson
Nathaniel N Thompson
Jayce David Townsend
Audrey M Vance
Faith Rebekah Young

Division of Aviation

Candidates presented by Karen L. McComas, Associate Provost

Candidates for Degrees May 9, 2026

Bachelor of Science in Professional Pilot

Nicholas Adam Benavides
Alexander Taylor Couch
Kevin H Gertz
Faith Abigail Lipscomb
Seth William Marra
Russell Edward Pittman Jr
Wyatt Joseph Thacker

Associate Degree in Aviation Maintenance

Jacob Allen Canaday
Benjamin Thomas Houston
Thomas Cole Jackson
Tyler Jenkins
Jordan Cherokee Jones
Christian B Maness
Tucker Dylan Ring
Haydon Michael Robinson

Lewis College of Business

Candidates presented by Rohan Christie-David, Dean

Candidates for Degrees May 9, 2026

Bachelor of Arts

Haleigh R Adkins	Rai M Pinto Jr	Khloe Dawn Smith
Abbey Eileen Bull	Kalee Mae Powell	Timothy James Smith
Alexander Edward Geibel	Evan C Rakes	Adikus Payne Sperry
Reagan Alan Hines	Peter Joseph Schuh	Nikolas Riley Jordan Workman
Carrie Kitts	John Xavier Short	

Bachelor of Business Administration

Trista Maria Adams	Jaydan D Franklin	Margaret Mary Piaskowski
Alexie A Adkins	Garrett Allen Gibson	Sophia Marisa Price
Parnian Ghafourifar Adkins	Jennifer Elizabeth Gonzalez	Luke MacGhee Proehl
Jordan Marie Aleshire	Palacios	Shane Michael Quinn
Madeline Nicole Allensworth	Kheman Gosse	Madalyn Lily Rader
Cody Scott Ashworth	Cody Brent Griffith	Liam Jackson Renick
Braden Scott Austin	Madison Nichole Griffith	Zaira Marie Rhodes
Justin Brian Bailey	Alexander Willis Hall	Callie Joyce Rooper
Caden Robert Beam	Adam Hamilton	Isabella Reiss Sang
Gabrielle Violet Belcher	Cameron Tyler Harthan	Ethan Brice Seabolt
Jack Steven Betz	Alexis Lane Hedrick	Yasmin Seid
Caleb Bennett Bias	Kierra Denae Holley	Carlee Brooke Senator
Morgan Benjamin Black	Xavier Edwin Holmes	Kasey Lee Anne Serdula
Alysa Dawn Boling	Spencer Fox Hudnall	Maddox Ryan Shafer
Michael Hamilton Borsuk	Jaden Darrell Huffman	Joseph Hanna Shawkey Jr
Joseph David Botkins	Tre Thaxton Hyre	Seth Michael Shilot
Shantel Boutillette	Layla Denay Jarrell	Joshua Alexander Sims
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Kaitlyn Annette Boyles	Alexis Marie Johnson	Kiley Morgan Sollars
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Sean Dilen Caldwell	Joseph Wade Kirk	Kierstyn A Terry
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Jackson Gregory Crawford	Israel Makea Judson Mathews	Arth Walcott
Lindsey Day Cutler	Ronald Connor McDade	Bethany Ariel Denise Watson
Andrew Curtis Dempsey	Griffin Lane Miller	Tristan Anthony Webb
Jack Robert Dowling	Shealyn Renae Miller	Emma Dare Welker
Marquis Decosta Euell	Kirstyn Maria Neace	Emirh J White
Dylan Cole Fain	Chance P New	Maxwell Christopher Wiley
Christopher Mark Fazio	Sophia Marie Newsome	Carter Bryan Williams
Austin Matthew Ferguson	Brennan David Overby	Gabriel Scott Williams
Jacob Samuel Feuer	Dominic Xavier Pauley	Alexus Holly Wood
Philip Flegler Jr	Mackenzie Mae Payne	Malakai Davine Woodard
Ryan Patrick Flower	NiAsia Marie Payne	Megan Elizabeth Wroblewski
Jeffrey Shawn Forinash	Isabella Lisa Pero	Timberlynn D Yeast
Angel Halla Fowler		

College of Education and Professional Development

Candidates presented by Debra Lockwood, Associate Dean

Candidates for Degrees May 9, 2026

Bachelor of Arts

Katelyn Rose Adkins
Leeta Adaire Adkins
Natalie Diane Billups
Ronald James Blankenship
Isabella Marie Boehm
Holly Elizabeth Bragg
Kayson Brooke Burns
Charlee Elexus Chaffin
Hailey Renee Chapman
Jordyn Kaitlyn Damron
Katherine Paige Darnley
Alicia Renee Davidson
Preston Tyler Dingess
Ella Grace Edwards
Adam S Gollihue
Jacob Samuel Hall
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Alexis Renee Harry
Hannah Lee Haymaker

Cailey Briann Hinkle
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Samuel Perry Keller
William Kevin Craig Kelley
April Lee Kish
Josie Brenee Lovejoy
Victoria Grace Macri
Hannah Ryan McComas
Zachary Walter McCoy
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Alexandria Marie Moffatt
Joel Connor Mollineaux
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LaTosha Lynn Perry
Adam Nicholas Radenheimer

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Austin Lee Salmons
Shawn Anthony Salmons
Sidney Grace Sampson
Tara Catherine Sams
Hailey Morgan Sanns
Olivia VandeLinde Scheuch
Maddison Jo Shelton
Chloe Brooke Sims
Wendy Renee Taylor
Allison Denise Unger
Jaedon Walker
Loryn Ashlee Weaver
Emma Elizabeth Williams
Hannah Elizabeth Wylar
Tanner K Young

College of Engineering And Computer Sciences

Candidates presented by David A. Dampier, Dean

Candidates for Degrees May 9, 2026

Bachelor of Science

David Alexander Bledsoe	Ashton Ryder James	Joshua David Ronhovde
Jacob Tyler Carter	Bethany Nicole Ledford	Ethan Matthew Scott
Andrew Logan Chambers	Aiden Lee Bryce Marcum	William K Stanley III
Justin Michael Cornell	William Obinna Mbagwu	Connor Marcus Stonestreet
Aayush Damai	Garrick Marshall Mills	Ethan Glen Sturgill
Andrew Stephen d'Arms	Levi Dalton Mitchell	Bennett MacDougall Taulbee
Jace Allen Duckworth	Marcus C Nesselrotte	William Charles Urling
Alexa Taylor Dunsmore	Levi David Palmer	Julia Faith VanPelt
Samuel Isaac Ferguson	Cade Alexander Parlato	Luke Michael Wells
Elijah Fox	Samuel Ian Richards	Nathan Winkler
Kaleb Robert Frye	Kayla Roberts	

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering

Hamzeh Al-Qawasmi	Kayla Lee Clatterbuck	Korey Adam Pritt
Chloe Lauren Bills	Aillea Rose Elkins	Michaela Lauren Rice
George Robert Clarke III	Madison Leigh Higgins	Payton Matthew Villers

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Lillian Nicole Akers	Levi Dalton Gray	William D Raines
Liam Christian Allan	Micah Daniel Harris	Trevor Gregory Schuetz
Joshua Brubaker	Evan A Hartwell	Vitaliy Yevgenievich Shakirov
Meghan K Cloninger	Braeden Wise Keen	Nikolos Edward Sindledecker
Frederick Chase Dohring	Maci Kendall Moore	Nicholas Trent Strow
Ryan Matthew Fulks	Mason Tyler Parkes	Bryn E Tokarz
Lucas S Giraldo		

Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

James Morgan Britton	Jeffrey Hudson Jenks	Samuel Ray Sutphin
Austin R Brumfield	Dylan A Lester	Austin Nathan Weikle
Hayden Matthew Farley	Nicholas R Maynard	Shelby Lynn Yonish
Brandon Funkhouser	Levi Trey Strieter	

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Brandon Adams	Laura Michele Fortner	Thomas Ruffell
Jacob Cyrus James Blackburn	John Dakota Killian	Tanner Jeffrey Samples
Killian W Blake	Luke Lanham	Blaise Christopher Schray
Jordan D Brown	Tucker Michael Lingenfelter	Luke Tilka
Caleb James Cox	Kirk C McCormick	Samuel Antonio Vance
Alexandre Dutra Costa	James Mason Price	Marshall Logan Villers
Josie Anne Farris		

College of Health Professions

Candidates presented by Michael W. Prewitt, Dean

Candidates for Degrees May 9, 2026

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Hope Nichole Adams
Katy Melinda Addie
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Olivia Grace Allen
Brooklynn Aleria Anderson
Alyssa Mae Arbaugh
Mikayla D Bailey
Megan E Barker
Natalie Grace Bauer
William G Bell
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Chasey Jo Riffe <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Cameron James Whetzel <i>Chemistry</i>	Kamal Nath Kasi <i>Pharmaceutical Sciences</i>
Catherine Schwartzmann <i>Biological Sciences</i>	Maria Ellis White <i>Physics</i>	Tulasi Laxmi Nutalapati <i>Pharmaceutical Sciences</i>
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Chloe Leeann Browning	Brooke Alexandra Jackson	Madison Aryn Valladares
Allison Burdette	Sally Jacob	Anthony Vargo
Melanie Joy Callaway	Erin Paige Kaplan	Jamie Kristen Ward
Alexis Jo Canterbury	Melissa Jo Lowther	Alyssa Marie Watts
Whitney R Chandler	Olivia R Lyons	Stephanie Angela Wiseman

Master's Thesis

Sara Elizabeth Slack Biological Sciences, Master of Science Dr. Herman Mays <i>A Stable Isotope Comparison of the Biogenic Carbonate of Mammalian Tooth Enamel from the Modern Ohio River Valley and Fort Ancient Buffalo Sites</i>	William Hubert Galloway Biomedical Research, Master of Science Dr. Yongke Lu <i>Hepatocyte Peroxisome Biogenesis and Phytol-Induced Metabolic Stress in Liver Disease</i>
Elli Sue Williams Biological Sciences, Master of Science Dr. Nadja Spitzer <i>Silver Nanoparticle-Induced Disruption of Astrocytic Morphology and Synaptic Microarchitecture in Rat Brain</i>	Cameron James Whetzel Chemistry, Master of Science Dr. John T Markiewicz <i>Synthesis, Expansion, and Limitations of Pyridoimidazolium Cation Formation Using the Vilsmeier-Haack Reagent</i>

Neil Shannon Loftus
Computer Science, Master of Science
Dr. Husnu Narman
Ablative Study of Large Language Model-Based Gesture Inference for Autonomous Navigation

George Douglas Urling
Cybersecurity, Master of Science
Dr. Josh Brunty & Dr. Husnu Narman
Ransomware as Organization: A Comparative Analysis of Corporate and Criminal Structures in Conti

Mercy Mawusi Agbley
Mathematics, Master of Science
Dr. Raid Al-Aqtash
Comparative Machine Learning Models for Disease Risk Prediction

Bailey Dawn Rappold
Natural Resources and the Environment,
Master of Science
Dr. Mindy Yeager-Armstead
HFPO-DA Aquatic Toxicity and Bioaccumulation

Kamal Nath Kasi
Pharmaceutical Sciences, Master of Science
Dr. Cynthia Jones
Nanocomposite Mediated Delivery of 5-Fluorouracil Using Silver Nanoparticles to Promote Wound Healing

Tulasi Laxmi Nutalapati
Pharmaceutical Sciences, Master of Science
Dr. Ruhul Amin
Developing Curcumin Analogues for Treating Breast Cancer

Jana Ahmed Sherif
Pharmaceutical Sciences, Master of Science
Dr. Gary Rankin
In Vitro Dihalobenzene Nephrotoxicity in Isolated Kidney Cells

Rani Naga Rakshitha Tillapudi
Pharmaceutical Sciences, Master of Science
Dr. Cynthia Jones
Evaluation of the Physical Properties and In Vitro Safety of Chitosan Quercus Infectoria Topical Gel

Kavya Yandapalli
Pharmaceutical Sciences, Master of Science
Dr. Cynthia Jones
Development and In Vitro Characterization of 5-Fluorouracil-Loaded PLGA Nanoparticles for Controlled Drug Delivery

Maria Ellis White
Physics, Master of Science
Dr. Maria Hamilton
The Link Fantastic: Detecting and Linking Simulated, Nongravitationally-Accelerating Objects with the Rubin Observatory Pipeline

Physician Assistant

Candidates presented by David Gozal, Dean, School of Medicine

Candidates for Degrees May 9, 2026

Master of Medical Science

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Kaden Janaii Evans
Loryn Mckenzie Forney
Tessa Jean Gardner
Emma Riley Groe

Shelby Hart
Keira P Hill
Lexie Holtzclaw
Destiny Cheyann Johnson
Taylor Dayne Kremin
Enzo Jordan Lewis
April May
Haylee Caini Mays
Avery Brooke McCauley

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Laurel Elizabeth Miller
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Graduate Studies

Marshall University Doctoral Program

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Doctor of Business Administration

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Christina Marie Clarke	Sheena L Metzger	Joseph E Turley

Doctor of Education

Candidates presented by Debra Lockwood, Associate Dean, College of Education and Professional Development

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Colette Stoke Burgess	Julie Ann Midkiff	Bethany A Wilson
Emma H Gardner	Colby Alexander Webb	Riaz Yusuff
Sara Guth	Clay Russell Welch	

Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice

Candidates presented by Rohan Christie-David, Dean, Lewis College of Business

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Heather Michelle Dawson	Danielle Lauren Lindsey	Karissa Michelle Stewart
Jonathan Hobbs Delph	McKenzie Kay Maxson	Cody Austin Stiltner
Liana Samantha Garrison	Haley Grace McDonald	Cameron Blake Wallace
William Tate Hancock	Whitney Ray Rose	Ryan Watts
Sydni Nicole Harrison	Blake James Russell	Jacob Allen Wilson
Emily Marie Holbert	Shelby Marie Sisson	Kristen Alexandra Wilson
Lindsay Holbert	Sarah Beth Smoot	

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Candidates presented by Michael W Prewitt, Dean, College of Health Professions

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Emily Sizemore Hankins
Sarah Denise McClanahan

Doctoral Dissertations

May 9, 2026

Mary Constance Augustine
Accounting, Doctor of Business Administration
Dr. Timothy Bryan
Management Control Systems and Financial Stability in Nonprofit Organizations

Christina Marie Clarke
Business Administration, Doctor of Business Administration
Dr. Kevin Knotts
Imposter Phenomenon and Leadership Effectiveness in Female Leaders: Exploring the Roles of Intellectual Humility, Perfectionism, and Mentorship

Colette Christina Martin
Business Administration, Doctor of Business Administration
Dr. Alberto Coustasse-Hencke
Performance Outcomes of Critical Access Hospitals: A Resource Dependence Theory Evaluation of Change of Ownership Versus Independence

Sheena L Metzger
Business Administration, Doctor of Business Administration
Dr. Kevin Knotts
AI in the Workplace: Understanding Role Ambiguity, Employee Motivation, and Learning Engagement

James Edwin Parsons
Business Administration, Doctor of Business Administration
Dr. Doohee Lee
The Relationship Between Registered Nurse Burnout, Organizational Engagement, and Quality Outcomes in Acute Care Hospitals

Joseph E. Turley
Business Administration, Doctor of Business Administration
Dr. Marc Sollosy
Signals of Value: A Comparative Analysis of SDE and EBITDA in Predicting Microbusiness Sale Price

Catherine Bennett Nwosu
Curriculum and Instruction, Doctor of Education
Dr. Kimberly McFall
A Qualitative Study of Spanish Speaking Latino/a Teachers and Their Impact on Spanish Speaking Latino/a Students

Colette Stoke Burgess
Curriculum and Instruction, Doctor of Education
Dr. McKenzie Brittain
Teachers' Perceptions of the Use of the Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) Professional Development Training

Emma H Gardner
Curriculum and Instruction, Doctor of Education
Dr. Lisa Heaton
4-H STEM Ambassador Impact Study: The Lasting Effects of Informal STEM Service Learning Through 4-H Camp Instruction

Kelly Gay Massinople
Curriculum and Instruction, Doctor of Education
Dr. McKenzie Brittain
The Relationship Between Implementation of Effective Schools Practices, School Performance, and Improvement

Julie Ann Midkiff
Education, Doctor of Education
Dr. Luke Lassiter
Apply, Pack, Travel, Repeat: An Autoethnographic Study of Travel Grant and Travel-Based Learning Experiences as Professional Development for Educators

Colby Alexander Webb
Education, Doctor of Education
Dr. Eugenia Lambert
A Study of Apprenticeship Program Expansion into Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises

Clay Russell Welch
Educational Leadership, Doctor of Education
Dr. Ron Childress
Secondary Traumatic Stress, Compassion Fatigue, and Resiliency Strategies in Urban Public Schools

Sara Guth
Leadership Studies, Doctor of Education
Dr. Ron Childress
Data Culture's Influence on Instructional Change and Continuous School Improvement

Jessica Wiese
Leadership Studies, Doctor of Education
Dr. Tammy Johnson
Student Retention in Music Programs: An Analysis of Relationships Between Selected Student Demographics and Continued Enrollment in Music Programs with the Presence of School-Provided Supports

Bethany A Wilson
Leadership Studies, Doctor of Education
Dr. Barbara Nicholson
*An Analysis of the Impact of Cognitive Writing
Strategies on High School Writing Scores in a Suburban
Tennessee District*

Riaz Yusuff
Leadership Studies, Doctor of Education
Dr. Barbara Nicholson
*Navigating Technological Transitions: Faculty Adoption
of Artificial Intelligence in Online Teaching*

Michael R Leonardo
Biomedical Research, Doctor of Philosophy
Dr. Price Dickson
*Using Genetically Diverse Mice to Examine the Effects
of Environmental Enrichment on the Transcriptome*

Harshal Sawant
Biomedical Research, Doctor of Philosophy
Dr. Ji Bihl
*Hyperglycemic Adipocyte-Derived Exosomes Aggravate
Oxidative Stress, Lipid Peroxidation and Mitochondrial
Dysfunction of Brain Microvascular Endothelial Cells
in Ischemic Stroke*

School of Pharmacy

Candidates presented by Eric R. Blough, Dean

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Doctor of Pharmacy

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Troy Gillum
Mariam Habib

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Megan Hiles
Hannah McKenzie Jones
Claire Noelle Kemmer
Blake Thomas Newsome
Dakota James Parnell
Mackenzie Grace Phipps

Wesley Ratliff
Justin Cordell Ritchie
Danielle Renee Slone
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School of Physical Therapy

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Doctor of Physical Therapy

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Jade Noel Daniels
Reese Avery Ellis
Chase W Fisher
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Curtis Justin Grant
Kara Ann Gray

Adrianna M Hall
Nathan Scott Harvey
Shannon Ailene Joins
Hannah Renee Juniper
Nicole D Kester
Megan Nicole Kusler
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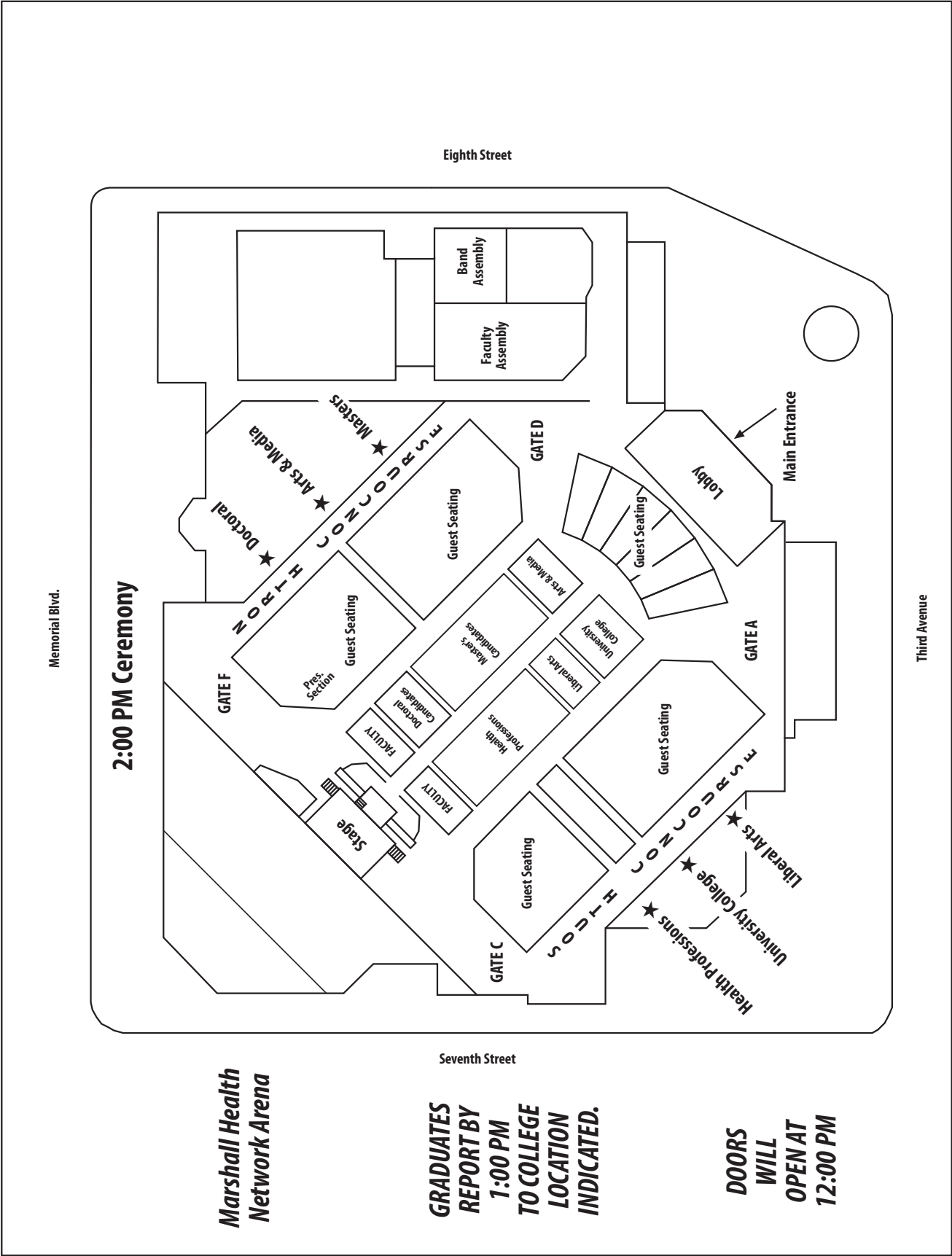
Doctor of Medicine

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Doctor of Philosophy

Michael R Leonardo
Biomedical Research

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Marshall, gracious Alma Mater,
We thy name revere;
May each noble son and daughter
Cherish thine honor dear.
May thy lamp be ever bright
Guiding us to truth and light;
As a beacon o'er dark water
This is for thee our prayer.
May the years be kind to Marshall;
May she grow in fame;
May her children fail her never
True to her beacon flame.
May her spirit brave and strong
Honor right and conquer wrong;
This the burden of our song
Ever her truth proclaim.

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