

The President's Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Marshall University

Virtual Town Hall – Series 3

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.
ZOOM Webinar

Past, Present and Future:

A Panel Discussion on Race and Unity in Huntington and at Marshall University

Join us for a Virtual Town Hall Discussion!

Panelists Include:

- Professor Philip Carter, Dept. of Social Work
- MaRia Hill, A.D. Lewis Community Center
- Sandra Clements, Community Member
- Sylvia Ridgeway, Huntington-Cabell NAACP
- David Harris, Community Member
- William Smith, Sr., Community Representative

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Purpose

The purpose of this virtual town hall is to highlight the historical impact of African Americans in Huntington, WV.

Goal

The goal of this virtual town hall is to raise awareness about the history of Huntington, WV while hearing rich narratives from Huntington Natives about race and unity in the City.

Objectives

By the end of the virtual town hall, participants will be able to,

1. better understand the perspective of Black Huntingtonians.
2. develop an appreciation of the history of race in Huntington, WV.
3. move the participants to a position of unity.
4. learn about the paradoxical nature of racial progress in Huntington, WV and Marshall University.
5. identify activities and initiatives that promote unity in the community with Marshall University and Huntington, WV.

Program Agenda

TIME	ITEM
3:30 – 3:45 P.M.	<p>Join Zoom Webinar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Virtual Town Hall Program Panelists/Participants join Zoom Webinar using the link emailed to them from Tiffany Davis. Moderator will go over the agenda with participants. Tiffany Davis will go over technical features and flow of the program.
3:50 – 4:00 P.M.	Registered remote attendees join Zoom to watch the event.
4:00 P.M.	<p>Virtual Town Hall Begins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Adam Dalton, Moderator, will (1) Welcome the remote audience attendees; (2) Thank the President’s Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Marshall University; (3) Announce Title of the event; (4) Announce that the digital program booklet link can be accessed from the chat box.
4:05 – 4:10 P.M.	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Jerome A. Gilbert, Marshall University President.
4:10 – 4:15 P.M.	Introduction of Panelists
4:15 – 4:55 P.M.	Panelists’ Question and Answer Discussion Session
QUESTIONS	
<u>“Past” - Main Question</u>	
1. What events do you believe were pivotal in integrating Huntington, WV and Marshall University?	
<u>Prompts for “Past” Main Question 1:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Can you talk about Hal Greer’s importance to understanding race and unity in our community? ➤ How did integration happen in our area in the community and on campus? 	

TIME	ITEM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What types of Civil Rights activities happened in Huntington, WV during this time? ➤ What role did the NAACP play in building unity in our community?
	<p><u>“Present” - Main Question</u></p> <p>2. What efforts to build unity in the City of Huntington and Marshall University are you most excited about?</p> <p><u>Prompts for “Present” Main Question 2:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How is the Fairfield West community promoting our shared history and building unity? ➤ What do you perceive to be the greatest challenges associated with building unity within our community?
	<p><u>“Future” - Main Question</u></p> <p>3. What lessons from the past do you believe we need to use moving forward to really build unity in such a divisive political climate?</p>
	<p><u>Extra Question and/or one to two Questions posted by remote audience in the chat box. Depends on Time.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What lessons from the past do you believe we need to use moving forward to really build unity in such a divisive political climate? ➤ Question(s) from remote audience.
5:00 P.M.	Closing Remarks by Moderator and Virtual Town Hall Ends

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We appreciate your participation and attendance.