

Marshall University Parent and Family Newsletter

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Advance Registration Fall, 2018

As graduation moves slowly closer, April brings hopes and dreams of a bright future to our graduating seniors. However, all others have more work to do and the Fall 2018 semester is the next step. Advance registration will begin Monday, April 9th for seniors and be followed in succession by juniors, sophomores and freshmen.

The Advance Registration schedule is broken down by status, depending on credit-hours earned as of January 8, 2018. If your student has earned 90 hours before the first of the year, they will register as a senior (0-29 hours for freshmen, 30 hours for sophomores and 60 hours for juniors). This schedule helps our seniors to get into classes that might otherwise fill up.

Senior students will register first on April 9th. Juniors will follow on April 10th and 11th. Sophomores will need to seek their advisers before registering April 12th, 13th and 16th, as will freshmen before registering the 17th through the 20th. A full schedule (which can be saved) can be found down below.

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Thank you for entrusting Marshall University with the safety, education and future of your student. It is our goal to ensure the students (and parents too!) have every opportunity to succeed. Please contact us any time you have a question or concern. We Are...here for you!

Fall 2018 ADVANCE REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Currently enrolled Undergraduate students may register beginning April 9.

SENIORS 90 hours completed as of 1/8/2018	JUNIORS 60 hours completed as of 1/8/2018	SOPHOMORES 30 hours completed as of 1/8/2018	FRESHMEN 0-29 hours completed as of 1/8/2018
Monday, April 9	Tuesday, April 10 Wednesday, April 11	Thursday, April 12 Friday, April 13 Monday, April 16	Tuesday, April 17 Wednesday, April 18 Thursday, April 19 Friday, April 20



Currently enrolled Graduate students may register beginning April 9.

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Advance Registration Advising

It's time for the college students' favorite pastime: the twice-annual Running of the Registrar's Office! Fortunately, it does not have to be that stressful!

Encourage your students to meet with their advisors early to begin work on next semester's schedule of courses. Our advisors are knowledgeable of the required course work for our major programs of study and are ready to help your student prepare for the next level of their college career.

If they do not know how to find their advisor, or who their advisor is, encourage them to seek out the information on their own. They can find their advisor on Degree Works, a program to which all of our students have access to that can help them plan their semesters and find crucial information such as their college and advisors.

Athletic
Calendar



For the full Softball and Baseball schedule, up-to-the-minute news releases, box scores and more, please visit www.herdzone.com.

Unity Month

Will Holland

Marshall University's dedication and commitment to diversity, equality and inclusion on campus and the surrounding community is being highlighted in a month-long celebration of differences and cooperation. April is Unity Month and departments all across campus will be hosting events and activities all month long (see full calendar below).

Will Holland, Director of Community Outreach and Volunteer Services is on the committee created to bring the dream of Unity Month to life.

"What we really wanted to do was create a calendar of events that would have a mass appeal to several different groups on campus," Holland said. "We wanted to highlight topics that have been in the news or needed more attention, but all regarding the concept of unity."

With events starting April 2nd, Holland said the goal is to create an annual event that showcases the importance of differences and how working together shapes a better world.

"It seems each month has its own topic," he said. "February is African American History Month, March is Women's History Month, but this one looks to encompass all of them and show that unity among everyone creates a much more beautiful picture of prosperity."

Unity month will kickoff with the Unity March, April 4th from 3-5:00 p.m. The event will honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the upcoming 50th anniversary of his assassination. The Unity March will begin on campus and will go to the A.D. Lewis Center on Hal Greer Blvd.

Other notable events will include Dreamers and Muslim Immigrants in the Trump Era panel discussion (April 9th), World Fusion Celebration (April 12th), and Safe Space Training (April 30th).

"We are trying to educate the public about one another," Holland said. "My core belief is that the more exposed we are to diversity we are, the more likely we are to get along and work together, to get along. That's the ultimate goal. Let's learn about each other and find that we're not that different."

For more on Marshall University's Unity Month, visit <http://www.marshall.edu/diversity/unity-month/>.

Academic Calendar

Monday, April 2
Advance registration for summer sessions begin (open to admitted/readmitted students)

Monday, April 9 – Friday, April 20
Advance registration for fall semester (open only to currently enrolled students)

Tuesday, April 10
Last day to drop 2nd 8 weeks courses

Monday, April 23
Advance registration for fall semester begins (open to admitted/readmitted students except first-time fall undergraduates)

Monday, April 23 – Friday, April 27
"Dead Week"

Friday, April 27
Last class day
Last day to completely withdraw from spring semester

Saturday, April 28
Exam day for Saturday classes
Some common finals

Monday, April 30
Exam Day

Tuesday, May 1
Exam Day

Wednesday, May 2
Study Day
Exams resume at 3 p.m. for Wednesday evening classes

Thursday, May 3
Exam Day

Friday, May 4
Exam Day

Saturday, May 5, TBD at Big Sandy Superstore Arena
Commencement
Official May Graduation Date

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

UNITY MONTH

Calendar of Events



In the spirit of the Marshall University Creed, Unity Month events strive to promote an open, pluralistic, and socially conscious community.

APRIL 2

International Children's Day 2 p.m., Drinko Library Atrium

Introduction of the 2018 International Board on Books for Young (IBBY) People. Sponsored by MU Libraries and Dr. Larson

APRIL 4

Unity March 3-5 p.m., Memorial Student Center Fountain

Honoring the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy. We will be marching to the A.D. Lewis Center. Estimated arrival back to Marshall is 5 p.m. Sponsored by Student Activities and Community Outreach and Volunteer Services

Remembering Dr. King: Remembrances from 4/4/68

2:30 p.m., Shawkey Room

Honoring the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy

Climbing PoeTree "Finding our Voice: Spoken Word and Storytelling Workshop"

6:30 p.m., Memorial Student Center Room BE-5

Climbing PoeTree is the combined force of two boundary-breaking soul sisters who have sharpened their art as a tool for popular education, community organizing, and personal transformation. Sponsored by Student Activities

APRIL 9

WV's DACA Dreamers and Muslim Immigrants in the Trump Era 4 p.m., Drinko Library Atrium

42 million immigrants live in the U.S. Among them, 800,000 are DACA recipients. In this panel discussion, you will meet your neighbors, learn about who they are, what they do, and hear their immigrant experiences. Sponsored by MU Libraries and Student Activities

APRIL 10

Payton Head 6:30 p.m., Smith Music Recital Hall

Payton Head spearheaded conversations about systemic racism on campus, which sparked student protests that made national headlines and led to the resignation of the University's president. Sponsored by Student Activities and Student Government Association

APRIL 11

Culture Shock 5 p.m., Memorial Student Center, Room BE-5

World Council wants to hear about your lived experiences and learn more about parts of your identity as a student of color, male or female, international or immigrant, LGBTQ+, religious minority, different ability, nationality or as a West Virginian. Sponsored by Intercultural Affairs

Political Animals Screening and Discussion

6 p.m., Memorial Student Center, Don Morris Room

Political Animals tells the story of the civil rights struggle of this century—the gay rights movement—through the eyes of four elected women. A panel discussion will follow the screening with Huntington Mayor Steve Williams, Dr. Shawn Schulenberg and Mr. Andrew Schneider. Sponsored by the Mayor's LGBTQ Advisory Committee, MU President's Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, MU LGBTQ Office, MU Libraries, and Division of Student Affairs.

APRIL 12

World Fusion Celebration 11 a.m., Memorial Student Center Plaza

Featuring music, food, art, and activities from as many of the nationalities, religions, cultures, and more here at Marshall University that we can find and encourage to participate. Sponsored by Intercultural Affairs

APRIL 17

Immigration 101 2:30 p.m., Drinko Library 349

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will provide an overview of immigration-related federal agencies, discuss how to become a permanent resident in the U.S., the process to become a U.S. citizen, avoiding immigration scams, and USCIS tips, tools and resources. Sponsored by MU Libraries

Tree Honoring Ceremony

1 p.m., Behind Drinko Library on Hal Greer Blvd

In honor of the tree planted by our Native American Student Organization, we will host an event including hand drumming as well as food such as fruit, vegetables, and Frybread. Sponsored by the Native American Student Organization

APRIL 18

Interfaith Dialogue 6 p.m., Memorial Student Center, Don Morris Room

This dialogue seeks to celebrate Marshall's diversity in faith, foster interfaith understanding, and unify our campus community by initiating conversations with local faith leaders. Sponsored by Student Activities, Community Outreach & Volunteer Services, and the President's Commission on Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion

APRIL 19

Water is Life Workshop 5 p.m., Drinko Library Atrium

This event focuses on the importance of water to the earth as well as to ourselves. Sponsored by the Native American Student Organization

APRIL 24

Allies Supporting Autism Spectrum Diversity Training 12 p.m., Student Resource Center

APRIL 30

Inaugural Diversity Awards 5:30 p.m., President Gilbert's House

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. Sponsored by the President's Office

Safe Space Training 3 p.m., Drinko Library 402

Safe Space Training increases the visible presence of student, faculty and staff allies who can help shape the university's culture of accepting all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression or any other difference. Sponsored by the MU LGBTQ Office

To learn more about Unity Month 2018 events, contact Will Holland at holland23@marshall.edu or Zeli Rivas at rivasz@marshall.edu.



Family Fun Fest!!!



**MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Family Fun FEST 2018

SAT. APRIL 28

Huntington Campus locations:

- First Year Residence Halls
- Memorial Student Center
- Joan C. Edwards Stadium

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:
We're creating a **painting** of a Marshall University landmark.
Family board **games**
Movie night for all ages
Walk the winningest field in the U.S.
Meet & Greet with the Thundering Herd

\$50/Family or **\$10/person** if over six family members (Event T-shirt included)

Join us for the **Spring Memorial Fountain Ceremony** followed by our annual **Green and White game**.

Contact Michael Circle at circle@marshall.edu to learn more. Sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs. Activities subject to change.

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Join us for our exciting, new, annual event, Family Fun Fest! We will have board games for you and your student to enjoy, a movie night with different movies for all ages, tickets to the annual Green and White Game AND a chance to walk the “Winningest Field in America”!

You and your family will also have the chance to take part in the solemn Spring Fountain Ceremony, an observance of the 1970 Plane Crash and the turning on of the Memorial Fountain.

After the game, walk the field, stand where the “W’s” are earned, and meet the players and coaches that make The Thundering Herd great!

For those not interested in the game, we will have two paint sessions, giving you and your family the opportunity to create something beautiful, a keepsake to remind you of your time at Marshall University.

Late at night, there will be multiple movie options. One room will offer kid-friendly options such as Finding Nemo and other Disney favorites. We will also offer a viewing of We Are...Marshall and Heroin(e), the Emmy Nominated documentary about three women fighting the opioid epidemic in Huntington, West Virginia.

Family Fun Fest is Saturday, April 28 starting at 8:00 a.m. Registration is open! Visit <http://www.marshall.edu/parents/> for more information and to register for Family Fun Fest!

See you here!

Residence Hall Care Packages

A little encouragement can go a long way and with Care packages through Our Campus Market, you can help your student through the gifts of food, stress relief and love.

Parents, guardians, grandparents, aunts and uncles all can send a care package to the student by visiting marshall.edu/parents and clicking the Care Package Program link to the right. If your student lives on campus, you will be sent a letter that you can personalize and send back along with the care package of your choice. Packages range from Energy Kits, Stress Busters, gluten free and nut-allergy assortments and more!

“Our students can get lonely sometimes and hearing from a loved one at home or receiving a care package can show them they have the support needed to succeed,” Resident Life Specialist Tracey Eggleston said. “It really brightens their day to get a little love from home and some encouragement from the sender.”

All of the proceeds from these care packages are put back into the residence hall leadership programs, and give our students a chance to go to leadership conferences and create larger-scale programs for residence hall tenants.

“And it’s easy,” Eggleston said. “It takes out the need to do the shopping and go to the post office. Simply fill out the card, stamp it and send it back. We’ll handle the rest.”

For more on our care package programs, visit www.marshall.edu/parents.



Spring 2018

Finals Schedule

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY SPRING 2018 EXAM SCHEDULE

EXAM HOUR	MONDAY APRIL 30	TUESDAY MAY 1	THURSDAY MAY 3	FRIDAY MAY 4
8:00 A.M. UNTIL 10:00 A.M.	CLASSES MEETING AT 8:00 MWF	CLASSES MEETING AT 9:30 TR	CLASSES MEETING AT 8:00 TR	CLASSES MEETING AT 9:00 MWF
10:15 A.M. UNTIL 12:15 P.M.	CLASSES MEETING AT 10:00 MWF	CLASSES MEETING AT 11:00 MWF	CLASSES MEETING AT 11:00 TR	CLASSES MEETING AT 12:00 MWF
12:45 P.M. UNTIL 2:45 P.M.	CLASSES MEETING AT 2:00 MWF	CLASSES MEETING AT 12:30 TR	CLASSES MEETING AT 2:00 TR	CLASSES MEETING AT 1:00 MWF

NOTE: All classes meeting at 3:00 p.m. and after will be examined in two-hour time blocks at the first regularly scheduled class meeting during the above examination period. If the two-hour time allowance results in a conflict in exam times, it is the student's responsibility to notify the professor of the later course and to reschedule the later exam. Rescheduled exams must be concluded by Friday, May 4, at 6:00 p.m.

All Wednesday (only) afternoon classes, those meeting at 3:00 p.m. and after, will be examined Wednesday, May 2.

Saturday classes will be examined April 28 at their regularly scheduled class period.

The common final exam time and date for all sections of CHM 111, 205, 211, 212, 355, and 356 will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 28.

The common final exam time and date for all on campus sections of MTH 127 will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

DEADLINE FOR ONLINE SUBMISSION OF GRADES TUESDAY, MAY 8, 12:00 NOON.



Above, you will find the Spring 2018 Final Exam Schedule. Here, we will look at the most common concerns and mistakes made on exam day.

- Exams ARE NOT held during regular class times. The above schedule is followed by all professors, but many times, our students show up at the regular class time to find they've missed their final exam. Remind them to look at the exam schedule and plan accordingly.
- Exams are two hours. Even if your student's class is one hour Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the Final Exam Schedule allows for test takers to do the exams in two hours. Encourage your young adults to take their time and read each section of the exam carefully.
- Study Study Study! Not all final exams are comprehensive, but many are! If your student has not delved back into the material from the first chapter or two, they may miss some great points opportunities.
- Not sure about your final or the material? Check the Syllabus! Every professor hands out (or offers online) a list of all information necessary for the course in their syllabus. Final exam dates, what will be on the exam, excused absences and more are on the syllabus. Encourage your student to check their syllabi dailey to ensure they're on the right path.

Spring 2018

Graduation



Congratulations to all of our Sons and Daughters of Marshall! We are proud to have worked with you through your years here and cannot wait to see where your dreams take you!

Spring 2018 Commencement:

When: Saturday, May 5th, 2018

Where: Big Sandy Superstore Arena, Downtown Huntington, West Virginia

Associate and Bachelor's Degree Ceremony.....9:00 a.m.

Master's and Doctoral Degree Ceremony.....2:00 p.m.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018!