

# Suggested Introduction



**Jerome A. “Jerry” Gilbert, Ph.D.**  
President

Dr. Jerry Gilbert feels destiny has brought him back to the Mountain State.

He first visited West Virginia in 1973 as a delegate from Mississippi to the National Youth Science Camp.

In 2016, he returned as president of Marshall University, fulfilling a commitment he made more than 40 years ago to pay this state back for launching his career trajectory in science and academia.

Jerry is a builder--a biomedical engineer by training.

At Marshall, he is building

A Mississippi native with a background in biomedical engineering and research, Jerry came to Marshall after serving nearly 30 years in various administrative, academic and research positions at Mississippi State University.

His goals include growing the institution in both size and quality through increased enrollment and retention, scholarly research and doctoral programs, private donations and national marketing.

President Gilbert has a bachelor's degree in biological engineering from Mississippi State and a doctorate in biomedical engineering from Duke University. He is a fellow in two national biological engineering societies.

