

Marshall University Classified Staff Council Minutes July 20th, 2023, Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Jesse Baldwin, Nina Barrett, Lacie Bittinger, Crystal Brooks, Tim Cline, Anna Evans, Samantha Holiskey, Carol Hurula, Heather Lowe, Becky Lusher, Nick Martin, Lisa Maynard, Teresa Meddings, Larry Morris, Carleen O’Neill, Lisa Ransbottom, Justin Tyler, Tony Waugh, Amy Weaver, Rob Williamson

Members Absent: Beretta Coleman,

Members Absent (Excused): Anita Mathis, Terri Thompson,

Guests: Hailey Bibbee, Pat Campbell, David Childers, Robert Collier, Misty DiSilvio, Amy Ethel, Joyce Harrah, Courtney Hessler, Dena Laton, Leeann Lemon, Nathan Miller, Katherine Murphy, Elizabeth Sheets

Chair Tony Waugh called the meeting to order. Parliamentarian Becky Lusher verified there was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

- May 18th, 2023 minutes approved as written.
- June 15th, 2023 minutes approved as written.

Carol Hurula – Board of Governors Report

BOG Representative – Carol Hurula

** This is my interpretation of each meeting, presentation, and individual reports. Notes are written in my words and are not verbatim word for word of speakers. I have attempted to share the updates as closely as possible to the content. Any questions or clarification, please notify me. *Forgive any typos.*

BOG Meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2023

- Approval of minutes for April 26, 2023.
- Classified Staff Council presentation. Summary:
 - Referenced President Smith listening sessions, where salaries were of main concern and had been for several years. Thanked him and his TEAM for applying across the board raises (dollar amount) which benefit those at the lower salary range the most at 8% and less at the higher salary range. Raised pay grade one entry to \$21,350.
 - All working to grow enrollment to strengthen financial position at university.
 - Growing enrollment and managing resources will better equip university to address salaries going forward and accomplish the funding principles for employees and students.
 - Staff are dedicated to doing their part to “right the ship” financially so we all rise as one.
 - Staff are at the forefront of the transformation & excited to be a part of the TEAM.

- Excited for future. We know we will set the Gold Standard of Higher Education across the state and country.
- **Academic and Student Affairs Committee** (Avi Mukherjee and BOG Committee Chair – Kathy D’Antoni)
 - Approval of updated BOG Policy AA-12 Academic Dishonesty that now includes legal representation for student as an option.
 - Approval of updated BOG Policy SA-2 Student Academic Rights as it refers to hearings.
- **Provost Update** (Avi Mukherjee)
 - Students, staff, and faculty, another great year.
 - Awarded a 6+ million grant for NSF EPSCoR to establish WV Network for Functional Neuroscience and Transcriptomics.
 - CAM: Governor School of the Arts taking place on campus. Last year hosting for the next three years.
 - COEPD: Homer Hickman, renowned author and retired NASA Engineer, lecture and speaker for the first post-COVID Margaret Kathryn Sovine Billups Lecture Series.
 - LCOB: recognized by AACSB as one of 25 schools with inspiring innovations. Dr. Ben Eng, Director of iCenter, showcased efforts at AACSB International Conference.
 - Aviation recognized as a member of the Federal Aviation Administration Safety Team (FAAST).
 - Dr. Eric Blough appointed new Dean for the School of Pharmacy. Has a long history with the university, joining as an Assistant Professor in 2003, progressing to Full Professor and Associate Dean. Served as Interim Dean since January 2022.
 - COHP: Athletic Training faculty member J Wheeler-Johnson inducted into WV Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame.
 - Exciting year with enrollment looking good for the fall.
 - (detailed information in attachment).
- **Student Update** (Bella Griffiths)
 - Thanked Tony Stroud and staff for their continued support and mentoring.
 - Served on search committee for Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.
 - Introduced Walker Tatum, incoming Student Body President whom was in attendance with Bella.
 - RAZE – new legislators’ orientation.
 - Volunteered with Community Cares.
 - Thanks everyone for an incredible year in the office.
- **School of Medicine Update** (Buffy Hammers)
 - 87 residents and fellows as of June 30 will complete training. 51% will go on to pursue advanced training and 49% will enter private practice.
 - 103 incoming residents and fellows for July 1. Representing 60 schools, 14 different states, and 22 countries.
 - 289 trainees across 26 programs, the largest in school history.
 - MARCO – due diligence Town Hall Meetings.
 - August 26th Fundraising 7-11 pm at Barboursville Soccer Complex.
 - detailed information in attachment)

- **Athletic Committee** (Christian Spears)
 - MU Moments
 - Notre Dame game
 - Most wins in MBB in 75 years.
 - Myrtle Beach Bowl win.
 - Sweet Sixteen appearance by Men's Soccer.
 - Academic Performance – highest GPA in conference-Women's Swim Team
 - Sold out last four men's baseball games.
 - Largest crowd attendance in West Virginia for Women's Softball game.
 - Ground-breaking on Baseball Stadium
 - (detailed information in attachment)
- **Shared Governance Report from Ad Hoc** – tabled until next meeting.
- **Finance, Audit, and Facilities Planning Committee** (Matt Tidd & BOG Committee Chair - Geoff Sheils)
 - Approval of Campus Development Master Plan.
 - Approval of FY2024-29 Capital Project List – 5-year plan required annually.
 - Approval of Resolution Authorizing Application for the State Institutions of Higher Education Deferred Maintenance funding.
 - Update on purchase of new videoboards.
 - Finance update by Matt Tidd.
 - Facilities & Operations Update by Brandi Jacobs. Mention Community Cares 724 volunteers, 1,958 service hours.
 - Internal Audit update by Perry Chaffin.
- **Presidents Update**
 - Thanked Chairman Farrell for guiding Presidential Search and Conference Realignment.
 - Step to take to excel. Storied history on strong foundation. Adapting to thrive & excel.
 - Shift in student pipeline in 2025.
 - Declining preference in considering college as an option.
 - Challenge to address; affordability, flexibility, and college degrees. Value proposition.
 - Transforming class offerings.
 - MU for All, MU Forever. Strategic Roadmap.
 - Collaborate with K-12 & Higher Education.
 - Partnership in Nursing with Glenville State and WV State.
 - Cyber Security partnering with MCTC.
 - WVU Collaboration.
 - Eco System gets strong working together.
 - Hosted May interim Legislative Session.
 - Choose WV Tour heads to Seattle.
 - Three phases. Execute & optimize. Adopt Best Practices. Leapfrog others so MU is referred college.
 - Affordability & Flexibility to achieve life goals. As seen in the news for higher education, this is not a turnaround but a transformation.

- Talent – filling positions of those leaving or interim roles. Final two are in place. Dean of the School of Medicine – Dr. David Gozal and Economic & Workforce Development – VP Brandon Dennison.
- Sincere appreciation community and those at institution. No stronger town and campus than here.
- Community Cares FY22 had 450 volunteers. FY23 had 724 volunteers! Spread 1800 bags of mulch, 20 ton of landscape rock, trimmed 650 shrubs/trees and 75 gallons of paint. Alumni chapters across the country participated in their communities this same week.
- We Are Marshall.

Entered into Executive Session:

- Return from executive session, no votes or action taken.
- Resolution read. Naming the MU Baseball Field, the Jack Cook Field. Motion approved.
- Resolution read. Naming the MU Baseball Stadium Players' Club, the Alex Lawrence Clubhouse. Motion approved.
- No personnel matters came before the board.
- Resolution read. Acceptance of gift of real estate. Motion approved.

Chairman Report:

- Nominating Committee recommendation and approval. Geoff Shiels – Chairman, Bill Smith – Vice Chairman, and Kathy D'Antoni- Secretary.
- Thanked departing members, Bella Griffith's and Chris Miller.
- Last report and reflection from outgoing Chair Farrell. Three-year summary.
 - 2020 university at that time saw unrest and uncertainty. Maneuvered COVID and proud of MU Board for decisions made and really proud of the valuable decisions and taking lead that many other institutions in the state adopted.
 - New administrator, unbridled excitement it has brought to the institution.
 - Cabinet now complete with final two hires.
 - MU For All, MU Forever – people now in place.
 - As goes Marshall- as goes Huntington and As goes Huntington- as goes Marshall.
 - Campus Development Plan, focus education facility with curriculum.
 - Ties to value principles.
 - Economic development.
 - Partnering with county, city, and state.
 - Look at priorities and align with strategic vision.
 - Honor to have served as Chair. Will remain on board.

Future Meeting Dates

August 7-8, 2023 (offsite retreat and regular board meeting)
October 11, 2023
December 13, 2023
February 7, 2024

April 10, 2024

June 12, 2024

Meeting adjourned

Teresa Meddings – ACCE

- ACCE met at the School of Osteopathic Medicine
- New members were present for the meeting, and the retreat will be the following week.
- Chair Lindsay Morgan resigned to take a position elsewhere.
- Reviewed, amended, and approved May minutes.
- There have been no reports or visits from HEPC members in a number of months.
- There will be an open session the following Monday from 2pm-3pm that Staff Council is welcome to attend via a zoom link.

Officer Elections

- Vice Chair
 - Nina Barrett nominated Becky Lusher for vice chair.
- 2nd Vice Chair
 - Tony Waugh nominated Nina Barrett for 2nd vice chair.

Committees and Members

Committee assignments for the new term are:

Legislative Affairs

Carol Hurula - Chair

Samantha Holiskey

Anna Evans

Larry Morris

Teresa Meddings

Personnel/Finance

Rob Williamson - Chair

Lisa Maynard

Justin Tyler

Beretta Coleman

Nick Martin

Physical Env

Becky Lusher - Chair
Tim Cline
Lacie Bittinger
Amy Weaver
Anita Mathis

Staff Dev./Service

Carleen O'Neill - Chair
Lisa Ransbottom
Terri Thompson
Crystal Brooks
Jesse Baldwin
Heather Lowe

Elections/Communications

Nina Barrett - Chair
Anna Evans
Lacie Bittinger
Terri Thompson
Justin Tyler
Nick Martin

Announcements

New members took turns introducing themselves and discussion followed about being on Staff Council.

Minutes taken and prepared by: _____
Katie M. Counts, Program Assistant, Classified Staff Council

Minutes approved by: _____
Tony Waugh, Chair, Classified Staff Council

Minutes read by: _____
Brad D. Smith, University President



Athletics Committee Meeting

June 21, 2023 | 10 a.m.

Shawkey Dining Room, Memorial Student Center

ACTIVITY WHEEL

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

> REVIEW AND SUPPORT THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS OF OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES

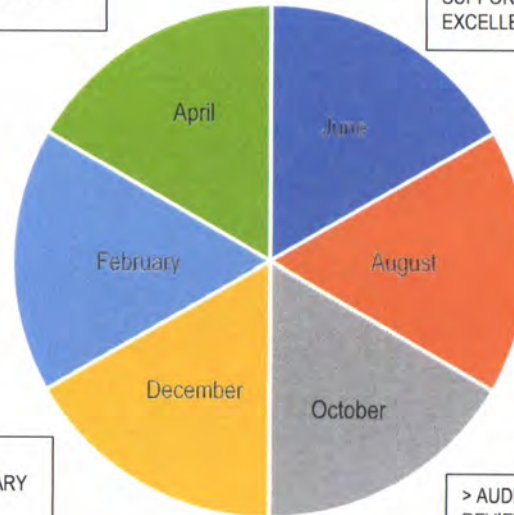
> **2nd Quarter** - REVIEW AND SUPPORT COMPETITIVE EXCELLENCE

Recurring Items

- > COMPLIANCE Update
- > BUDGET Update
- > CAPITAL PROJECTS Update
- > ATHLETIC TEAMS Update

> CAPITAL PROJECTS AND FUNDRAISING

> **3rd Quarter** - REVIEW AND SUPPORT A LONG TERM SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MODEL



> 1st Quarter - REVIEW AND SUPPORT AN EXTRAORDINARY STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE

> AUDITED BIG GREEN REVIEW AND REPORTS

OUR FOUNTAIN

OUR FOUNTAIN REPRESENTS MARSHALL UNIVERSITY'S CORE VALUES WHICH PREPARE US TO BE BETTER HUMANS STRIVING FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE WHILE PRESERVING THE RICH HISTORY OF OUR UNPARALLELED PAST. OUR FOUNTAIN'S 16 SPESIES ARE ALL UNIQUE IN NATURE, BUT COME TOGETHER TO FORM A BEAUTIFUL BODY OF WORK THAT REFLECTS OUR VALUES OF RESILIENCE, DETERMINATION, DIVERSITY, INNOVATION AND TOGETHERNESS. IT IS THROUGH THESE VALUES THAT THE MEANING IS FOUND WITHIN THE PHRASE "WE ARE... MARSHALL."



We ARE... COMPETITIVE & DRIVEN

COMMITTED TO A STANDARD IN WHICH CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE THE EXPECTATION.



We ARE... GRITTY & RESILIENT

BUILT BY OUR PROUD STORY OF PERSEVERANCE IN THE FACE OF ULTIMATE ADVERSITY



We ARE... INCLUSIVE & DIVERSE

BRINGING DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS TOGETHER TO MOVE AS ONE HERD



We ARE... COLLABORATIVE & INNOVATIVE

FOCUSED ON PIONEERING TRANSCENDENT PATHS TO SUCCESS WITHIN ATHLETICS

We ARE... ACCOUNTABLE & ETHICAL

SOUND BY A MORAL STANDARD THAT EMBODIES OUR TRADITION OF HONOR AND INTEGRITY

**WE ARE...
MARSHALL**

Marshall

TOGETHER
HARD WORK
EXCELLENCE

HONOR
ENERGY
RESPECT
DIVERSITY

WILL
AMBITION
YEARN



THE
**GAME
PLAN**

2022.23

THE GAME PLAN

A guide for our annual planning with completion expectations for our tactical goals and outcomes that should be completed during the year.

- **CHAMPIONSHIP PACE**
- **CHAMPIONSHIP PROCESS**
- **CHAMPIONSHIP PLANNING**
- **CHAMPIONSHIP PERFORMANCE**
- **CHAMPIONSHIP PRIDE**

GAME PLAN

2023/2024 Game Plan

Groups:

- *Championship Pace - Immediate Remedies*
- *Championship Process - Systems Management*
- *Championship Planning - Strategic Planning and Capital Projects*
- *Championship Performance - Full Potential/Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs*
- *Championship Pride - Alumni and Fan Engagement/Awards and Benefits*



GAME PLAN - NEXT PLAN! 2023-24



CHAMPIONSHIP PRINCIPLES

PACE

IMMEDIATE REMEDIES/SPEED OF GAME

PROCESS

SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT

PLANNING

CAPITAL PROJECTS AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

PERFORMANCE

FULL POTENTIAL/MASLOW'S HIERARCHY OF NEEDS

PRIDE

ALUMNI & FAN ENGAGEMENT/AWARDS AND BENEFITS

2023 ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

14/16
TEAMS
ABOVE
3.0 GPA

SPRING SEMESTER
3.222 GPA

HIGHEST WOMEN'S TEAM GPA

GOLF
3.972

80 STUDENTS
WITH A **4.0** GPA

HIGHEST MEN'S TEAM GPA

CROSS COUNTRY
3.530

287 STUDENTS ABOVE 3.0

10/18 TEAMS ABOVE 3.30 GPA



187 STUDENTS ABOVE 3.5 GPA

1. South Alabama	142.0
2. James Madison	132.0
3. Louisiana	127.0
4. Texas State	125.0
5. Southern Miss	123.5
6. Coastal Carolina	121.5
7. Arkansas State	110.5
8. Troy	109.0
9. Georgia Southern	105.0
10. Marshall	103.0
11. App State	91.5
12. Old Dominion	79.5
13. ULM	76.5
14. Georgia State	65.5



2022-2023

OVERALL VIC BUBAS STANDINGS



1. Louisiana	73.5
2. South Alabama	64.0
3. Troy	58.5
4. Coastal Carolina	50.0
5. Southern Miss	48.0
6. James Madison	43.0
7. Marshall	41.5
8. Arkansas State	41.0
9. App State	38.5
10. Georgia Southern	38.0
11. Texas State	37.0
12. Old Dominion	31.5
13. ULM	30.5
14. Georgia State	29.0



2022-2023
MEN'S
VIC BUBAS STANDINGS



1. James Madison	89.0
2. Texas State	88.0
3. South Alabama	78.0
4. Southern Miss	75.5
5. Coastal Carolina	71.5
6. Arkansas State	69.5
7. Georgia Southern	67.0
8. Marshall	61.5
9. Louisiana	53.5
10. App State	53.0
11. Troy	50.5
12. Old Dominion	48.0
13. ULM	46.0
14. Georgia State	36.5



2022-2023

WOMEN'S VIC BUBAS STANDINGS



1. Louisiana – 162
2. Georgia Southern – 132
3. Troy – 114
4. Old Dominion – 113
5. James Madison – 111
6. Marshall – 102
7. Southern Miss – 74
8. Coastal Carolina – 72
9. South Alabama – 67
10. Texas State – 58
11. Georgia State – 50
12. App State – 46
13. ULM – 44
14. Arkansas State – 33



2022-2023
**SUN BELT CONFERENCE
COMMUNITY SERVICE
INITIATIVE**

RECOGNITION AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Taylor Hickman, 30 under 30 West Virginia
- Chris Lapole, 2023 WV Trainers' Association Athletic Trainer of the Year
- Sharrod Everett, National Vice President for the DFO Organization
- Greg Beals, 600 career wins
- Dan D'Antoni, 150 Marshall wins

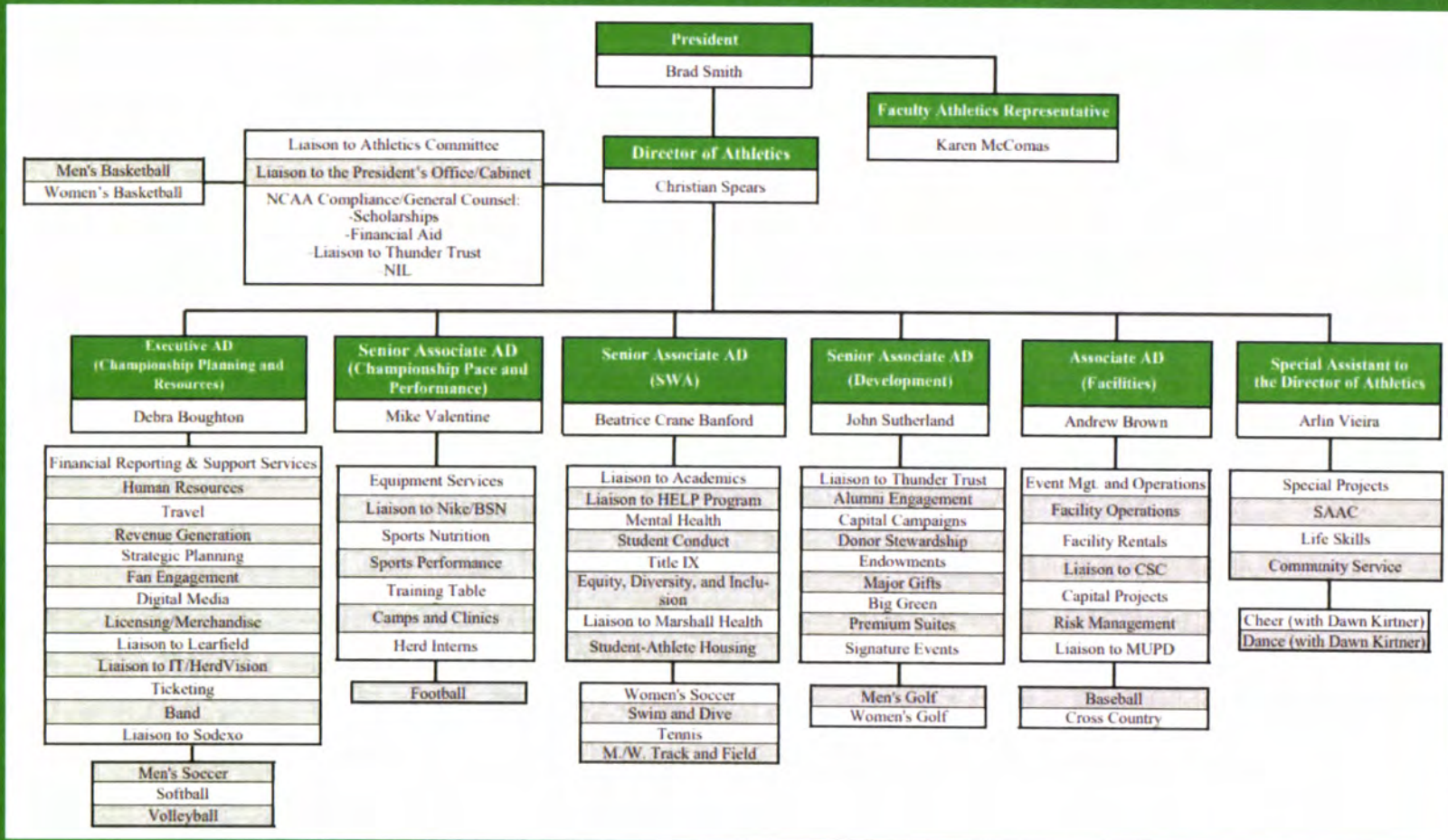


RECOGNITION AND ACHIEVEMENTS




- Marshall Softball, most program wins ever
- Indoor and Outdoor Men's Track return to competition
- SBC Individual Champions--Macie Majoy (pole vault) and Mikah Alleyne (400 hurdles)
- MVC Individual Champion—Eszter Laban (1650 m), Swim and Dive, highest GPA in NCAA



NEW ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

M THE HERD		Women's Basketball - Executive Summary					M THE HERD	
	Kim Stephens Head Coach							
	Jenna Burdette Assistant							
Academic Overview								
Year	NCAA GSR	Year	NCAA APR	Team GPA Fall	Team GPA Spring	All-Academic SBC/C-USA		
22-23	TBD	22-23	994	3.25	3.01	0		
21-22	100	21-22	995	3.54	3.34	1		
20-21	100	20-21	986	3.42	3.50	1		
19-20	92	19-20	986	3.01	3.35	0		
18-19	80	18-19	991	3.34	3.23	0		
Athletic Overview								
Year	Season Record	Conference Record	C-USA/SBC Finish	Conference Tournament	Tournaments post Conference	All C-USA/SBC (1st team)		
22-23	17-14	9-9	8th (SBC)	(8), Eliminated in SBC Quarters	DNQ	0		
21-22	15-13	10-8	5th (C-USA East)	(5), Eliminated Rd 2	DNQ	1		
20-21	8-11	7-9	6th (C-USA East)	(5), Eliminated Rd 2	DNQ	0		
19-20	13-17	7-11	10th (C-USA)	(8), 2nd Rd canceled Covid	DNQ	0		
18-19	17-15	10-6	6th (C-USA)	(6), Eliminated Rd 1	DNQ	1		
Community Service + Violations								
Community Service		NCAA Violations						
Year	Total Hours	Year	Number					
22-23	249.5	22-23	0					
21-22		21-22	1					
20-21		20-21	2					
19-20		19-20	2					
18-19		18-19	0					
Total		Total	5					

22-23 COMPLIANCE REVIEW



- APP DATA REVIEW
- VIOLATIONS & WAIVER REPORTS ¹²⁹⁻³⁰ 4
- NCAA CASE REVIEW

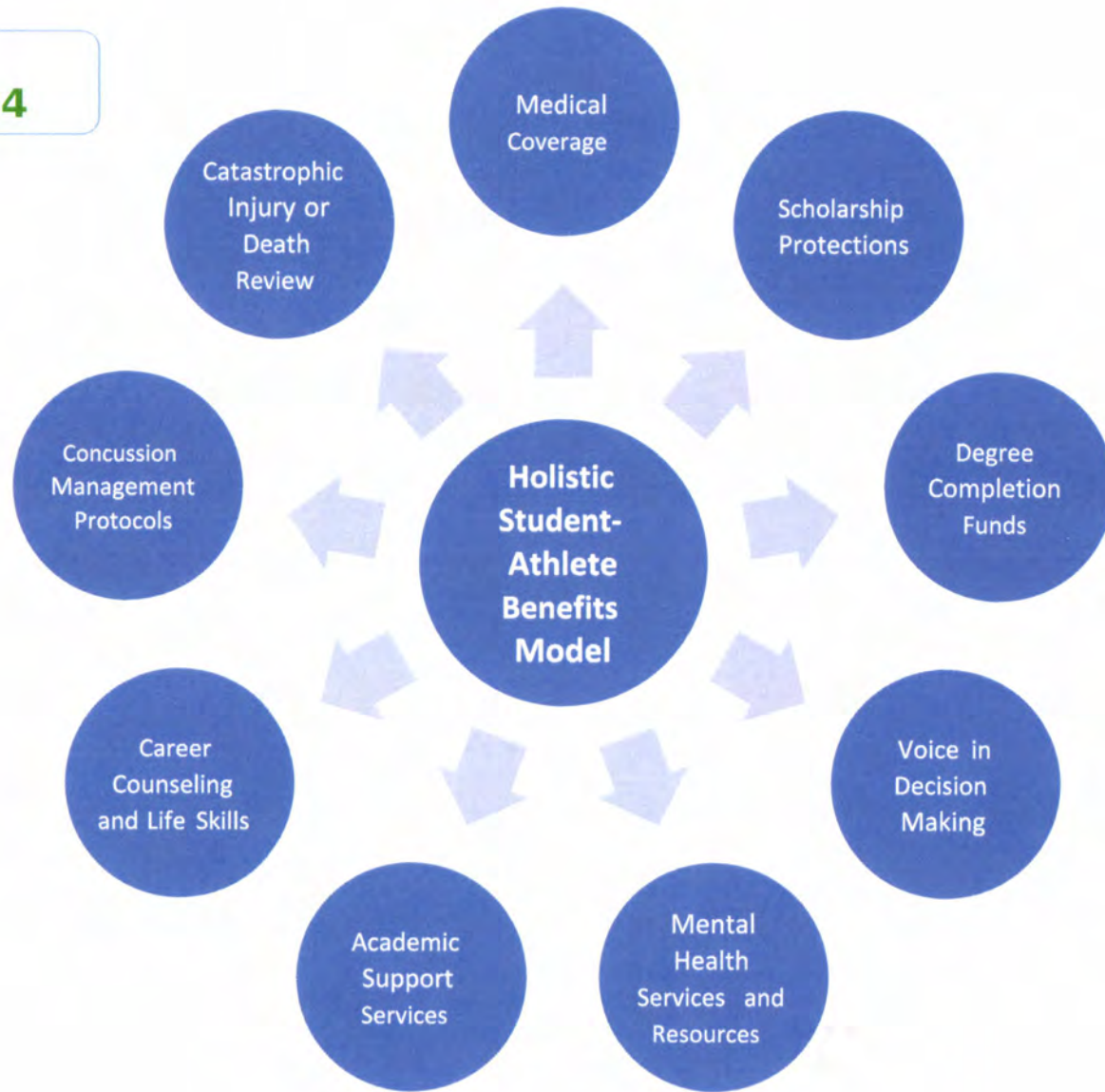
NCAA AWARENESS



HOLISTIC MODEL OF BENEFITS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES



**Effective:
August 1, 2024**



Compliance UPDATE: NCAA Transformation

Holistic model of benefits for student-athletes:

Required to provide Medical Coverage for athletically related injuries for a minimum of 2 years following graduation or completion of athletics experience (whichever is later). \$\$\$

Required to assist with out-of-pocket medical expenses during a SA's playing career. ✓

Required to offer degree-completion funds to any SA within 10 years of separation who was on a full scholarship. ✓ \$\$\$

Required to provide current scholarship protections mandated for autonomy. ✓

Annual Career Counseling and Life Skills Programming Modules ✓

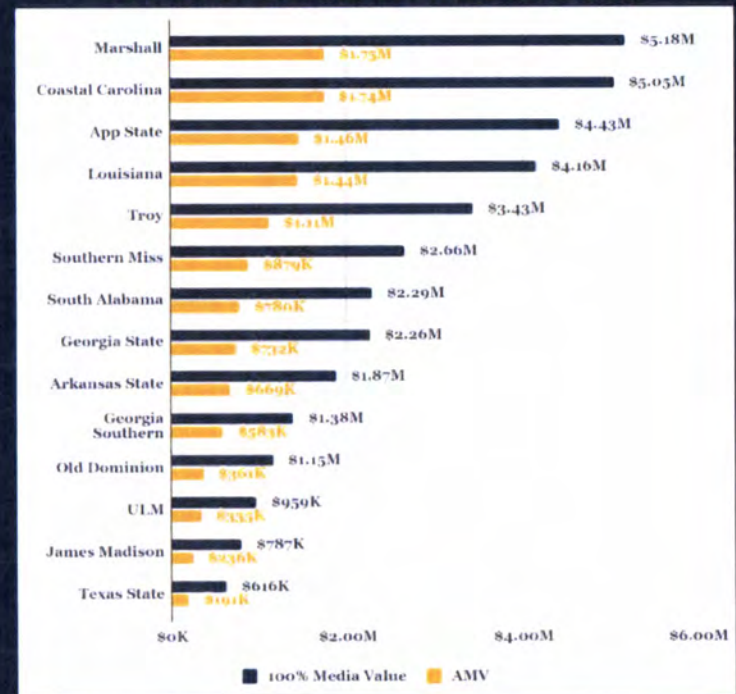
Updated Coaches Limitations \$\$\$

MEDIA VALUATION FROM THE SBC

PROPERTY COMPARISON

Teams with **strong and consistent branding on their helmets and uniforms** appearing in nationally-televised games against autonomy five opponents generated the highest live game media exposure.

LIVE GAME MEDIA VALUATION

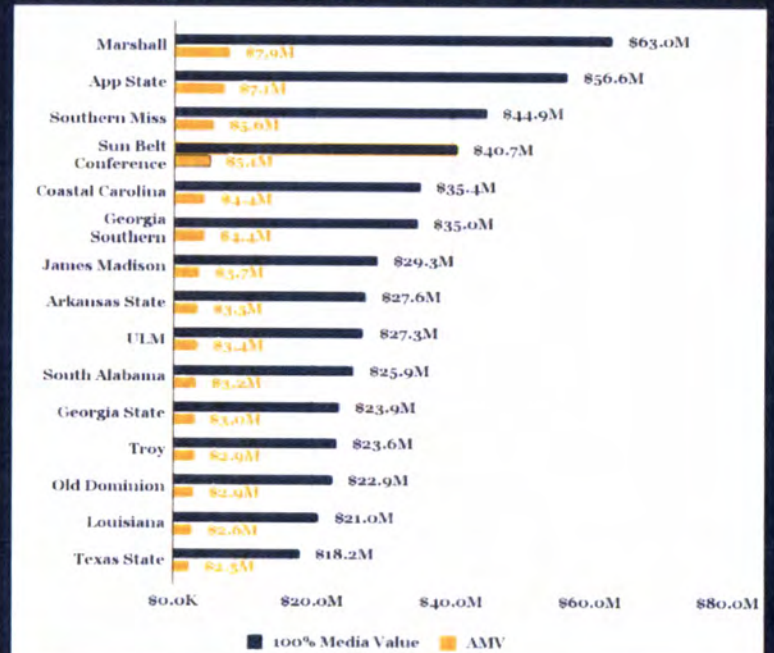


MEDIA VALUATION FROM THE SBC

VALUABLE UPSETS

Marshall had an impressive debut season in the Sun Belt Conference, with its upset win over No. 8/9 Notre Dame accounting for 20 percent of its online (print) news media value.

ONLINE (PRINT) NEWS MEDIA VALUATION



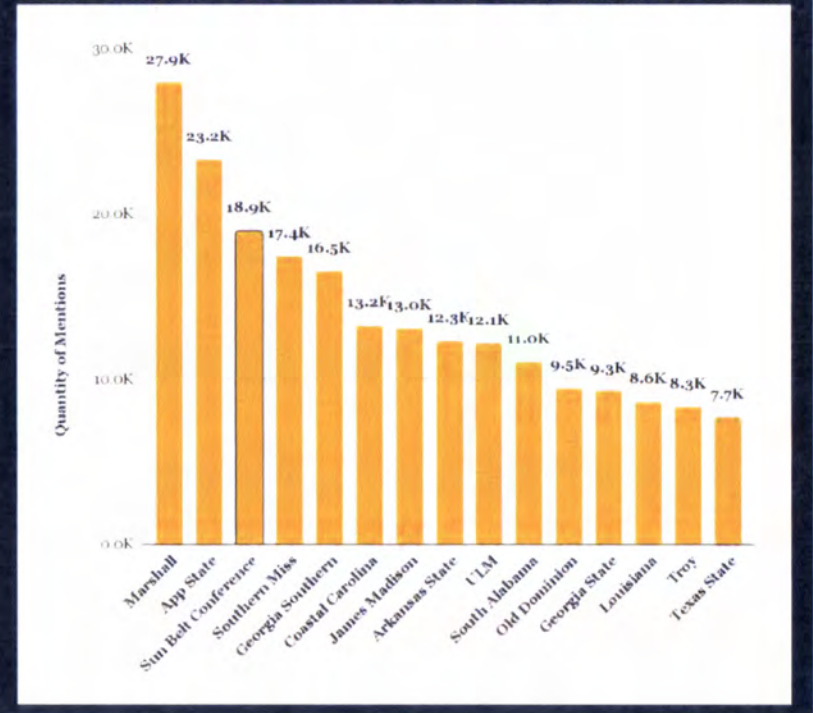
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MEDIA COVERAGE

In 2022, the average Sun Belt property received over **14,000** online (print) news mentions.

ONLINE (PRINT) NEWS MENTIONS



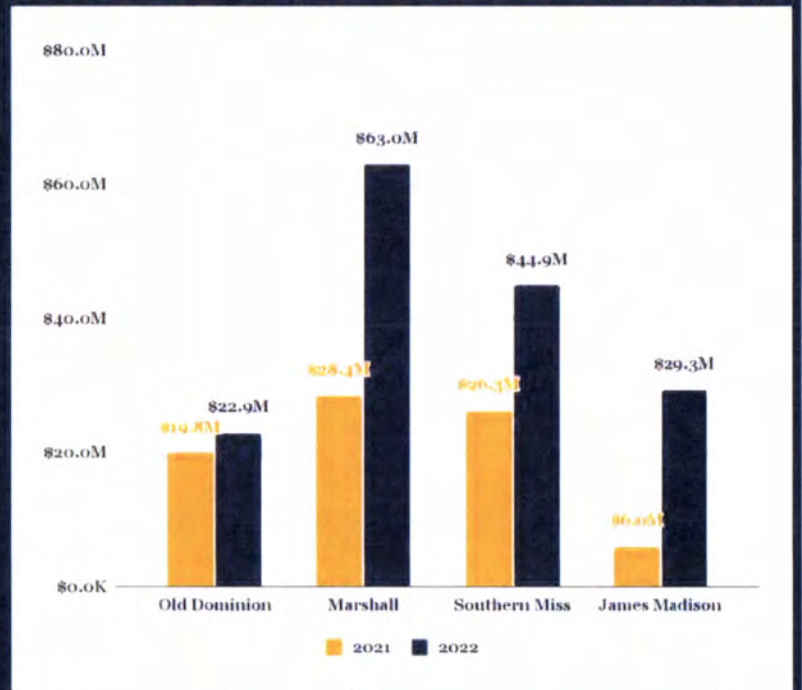
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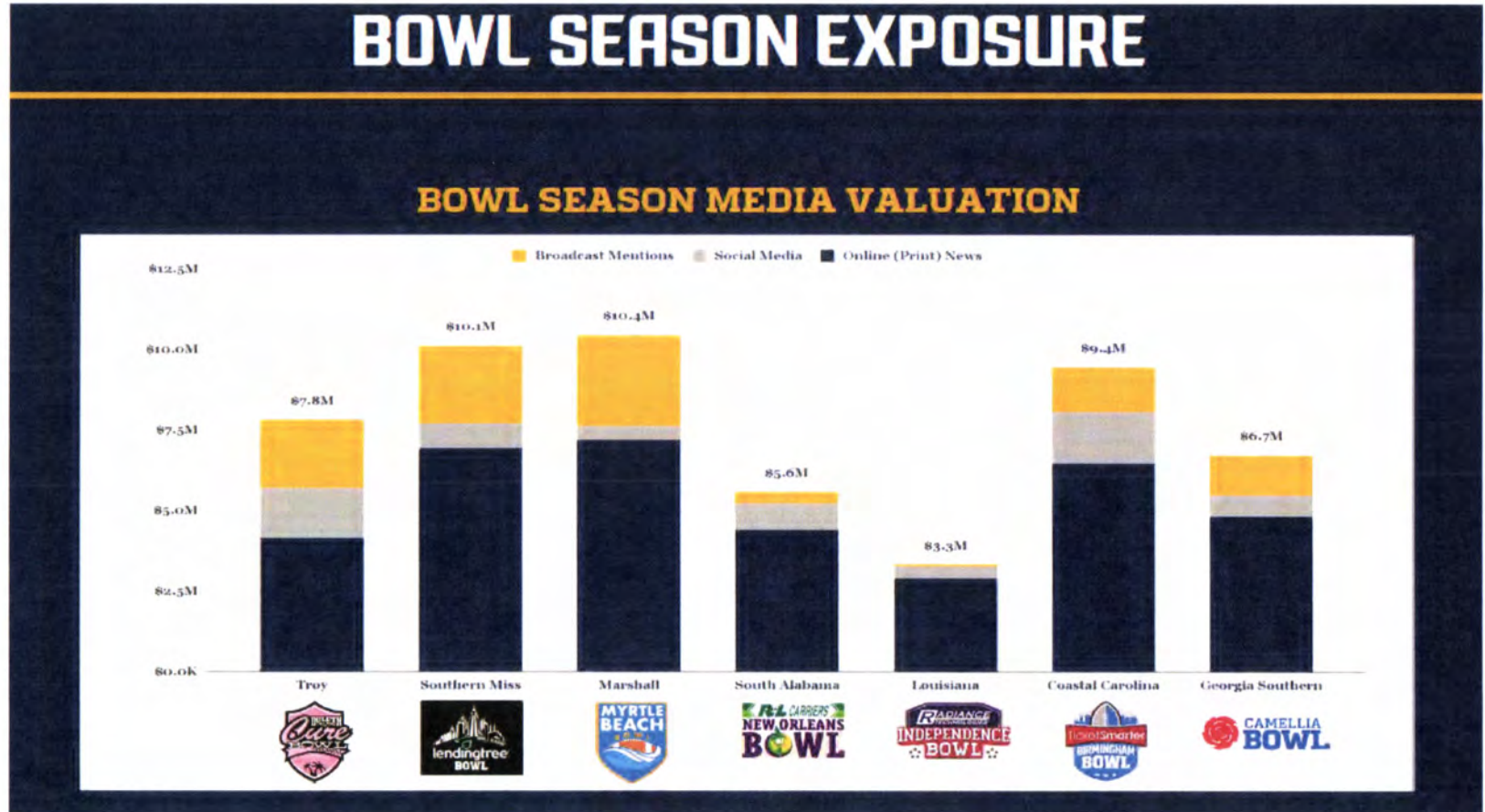
THE SUN BELT IMPACT

In 2022, **all four new members achieved a higher level of media attention** from online (print) news than in the season prior to joining.

ONLINE (PRINT) NEWS MEDIA VALUATION



MEDIA VALUATION FROM THE SBC



22-23 BUDGET REVIEW

- Revenue Expectations
 - SUNBELT DISTRIBUTION
 - FINAL TICKET SALES v PROJECTIONS
 - DONOR FUNDED POSITIONS
- Expense Allocations/Mid-Year Strategy Changes
 - BOWL GAME & ALL SPORT POST SEASON
 - UNFUNDED COACH INCENTIVES
 - SPORT PROGRAM COACHES SALARY ENHANCEMENTS
 - SUNBELT TRAVEL AND SIGNIFICANT INFLATION
 - FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR SAFETY
 - EQUIPMENT OVERAGES

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CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE: BASEBALL COMPLEX

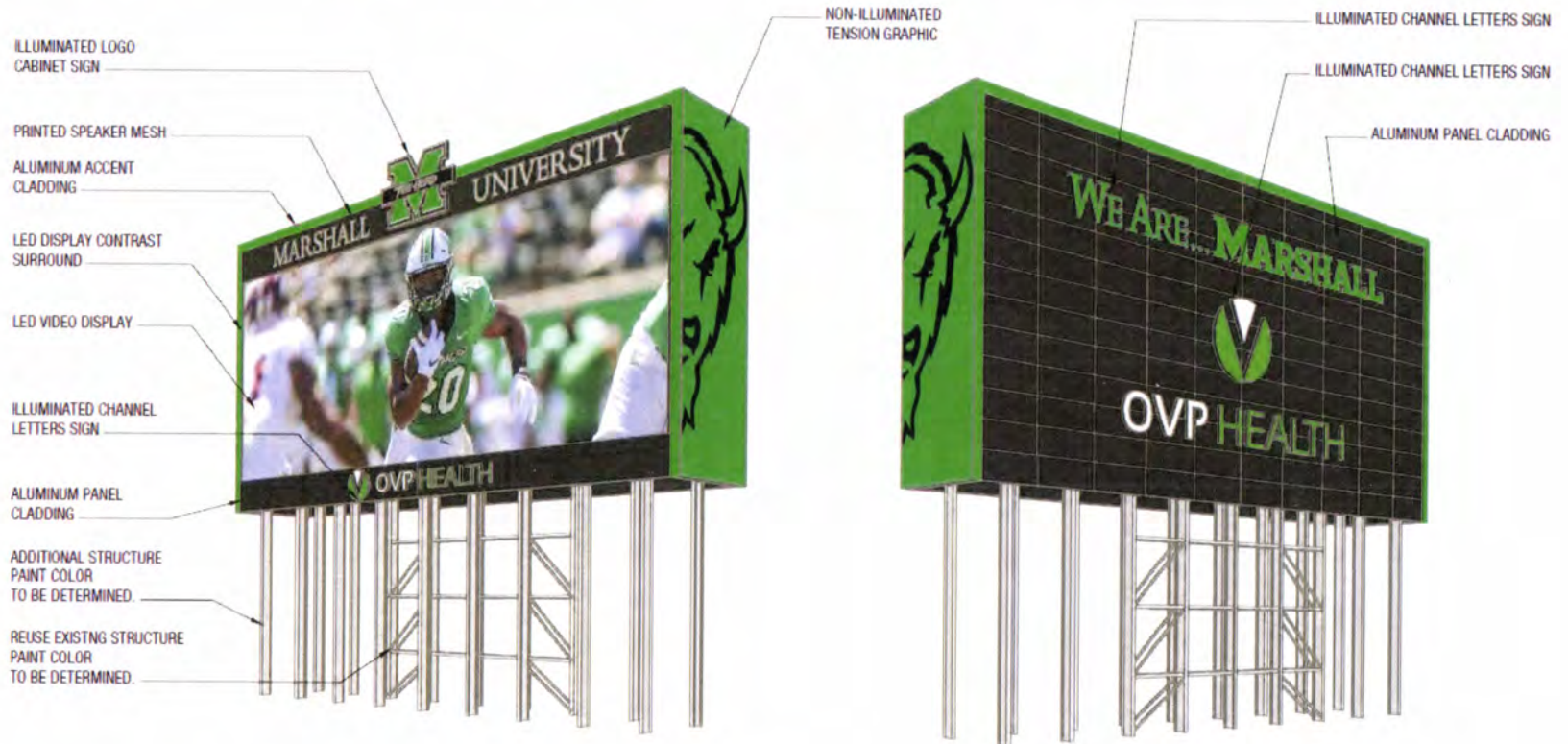


CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE: BASEBALL COMPLEX



**Conceptual rendering with naming pending BOG approval

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE: VIDEOBOARDS



PRIMARY VIDEO DISPLAY SIDE PANEL UPDATES

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

QUESTIONS

Christian Spears
Director of Athletics

Debra Boughton
Executive Associate AD, Championship Planning and Resources



MU Internal Audit BOG Informational Report June 21, 2023

1 ACTIVITY SINCE THE LAST MEETING

- A. Advisory Services – Chronicle of Higher Education Compensation Survey and Functional Expense data gathering.
- B. Audit Projects – Year-end preparation and advising.
- C. Other – Miscellaneous tax and accounting research, Legislative Interim Meeting Transportation Team, Community Cares Landscaping Team.

2 ACTIVITIES PLANNED BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

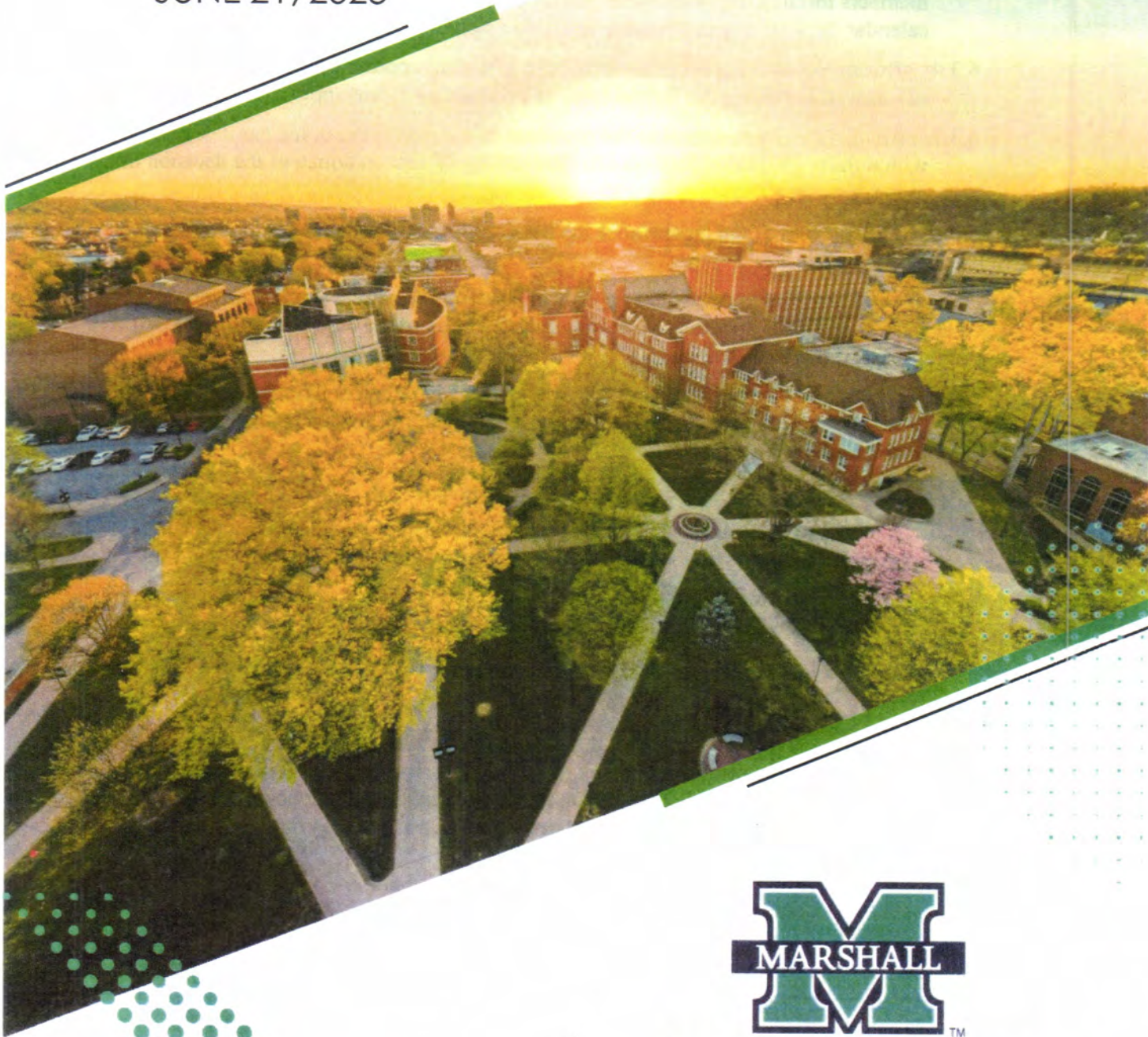
- A. Planning for and conducting year-end closing activities.
- B. Adhere to planned activities in the approved Audit Plan and Continued Monitoring of other Institutional Activities.
- C. Other Audit and Consulting projects as requested.

3 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- A. Nothing attended during this period.

PROVOST REPORT

JUNE 21, 2023



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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



A MESSAGE FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Greetings!

The new academic year is well underway. There are many new faces, new ideas, and new projects. Here is a peek at some of the highlights in this report:

- Marshall University has been awarded a \$6+ million grant from the National Science Foundation's EPSCoR program. The grant will establish the West Virginia Network for Functional Neuroscience and Transcriptomics (WV-NFNT), a collaborative effort among neuroscientists and bioinformaticists. The aim is to position West Virginia as a prominent hub for impactful neuroscience research. The project involves a diverse group of faculty members from various disciplines, including Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Education, Computer Science, and the School of Medicine.
- Professor Sandra Reed from College of Arts and Media and her team received a \$25,000 grant to study the impact of a community-based visual art intervention on the cognitive and overall health of older adults.
- Homer Hickam, renowned author and retired NASA engineer, delivered an inspiring and insightful lecture as the esteemed featured speaker for the first post-Covid installment of the Margaret Kathryn Sovine Billups Lecture Series hosted by the College of Education and Professional Development on May 4-5.
- The Lewis College of Business has been recognized by AACSB as one of 25 schools with inspiring innovations. Dr. Ben Eng, Director of the iCenter, showcased their efforts at the AACSB International Conference, emphasizing their commitment to inspiring innovation within the college and the wider community.
- Marshall University Aviation earned early recognition as a member of the Federal Aviation Administration Safety Team (FAAST) in May 2023. They will contribute to aviation safety by developing interventions, supporting innovation, and addressing local concerns, in collaboration with the aviation community and beyond.
- Dr. Eric Blough has been appointed as the new dean for the School of Pharmacy at Marshall University. He has a long history with the university, joining as an assistant professor in 2003 and progressing to become a full professor and associate dean of academic affairs. He has been serving as the interim dean since January 2022.
- Dr. Annette Ferguson has been selected as the new chair for the School of Nursing. With over 25 years of experience as a registered nurse and 18 years in higher education as a nurse educator, she brings a wealth of knowledge. Dr. Ferguson has been an associate professor of nursing at Marshall University since 2017 and previously served as the interim chair for the School of Nursing starting in 2022.

In addition to our academic units, our numerous student support services and programs report that:

- The 2023 John Marshall Leadership Fellows Program Cohort, comprising 18 exceptional individuals, celebrated their completion, embodying transformative leadership through knowledge, training, and mentorship.
- The Alternative Suspension Program achieved its highest success rate ever this year, with 70% of students successfully completing their contracts and returning to Marshall.
- The resumption of the Supplemental Instruction program after the COVID hiatus in Spring 2023 proved highly fruitful. Across all five supported sections, students who actively participated in SI sessions outperformed their counterparts who did not attend, earning grades of .5 or higher on a 4-point scale.
- The MU Student Veterans Association chapter and president were featured in the spring edition of the national Student Veterans Association (SVA) quarterly. They were recognized for their work in creating a statewide network of SVA offices working to push legislation and compile resources. Create a short sentence.
- Lisa Martin, Director of Student Conduct, recently completed the NASPA 2023 Certificate Program in Student Affairs Law and Policy, a comprehensive 23-hour residential program aimed at enhancing professional knowledge in the field. Additionally, she has been appointed by the Association of Student Conduct Administration (ASCA) to serve on both the Core and Student Conduct Specialty Certification Committees of the Student Affairs Educators Certification Consortium.

On behalf of the administration and staff of Academic Affairs, we invite you to share our pride and celebrate the scholarly and creative works of our faculty and staff, along with the successes of our students and our alumni.

Sincerely,



Avinandan Mukherjee

Avinandan "Avi" Mukherjee, Ph.D.
Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs &
Provost



Karen McComas

Karen McComas, Ed.D.
Interim Associate Vice President for Academic
Affairs & Associate Provost

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND MEDIA (INTERIM DEAN: DR. WENDELL DOBBS)

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STUDENT & ALUMNI NEWS

- Dawn Kushner, BFA Photography, was awarded the Susan Jackson Memorial Award by School of Art and Design faculty. Dawn was also awarded a John Marshall Creative Discovery grant for summer 2023. Her project "Against the Odds" explores the devastating effects of substance abuse and mental illness on family and friends through large-scale photographs.
- Rebecca Law, senior Multimedia Journalism major, won the Summer 2023 MURC Undergraduate Creative Discovery and Research Award. She will receive a \$4,000 stipend to complete her research project, "Singing the News: Music as Journalism in America."
- Students working with WMUL-FM received National Broadcasting Society/Alpha Epsilon Rho awards for their work with the station. They earned a grand prize award for Audio Newscast for the Nov. 16, 2022, 5 p.m. news edition. Students include Rebecca Law, a senior Multimedia major, Makayla Wheeler, a May 2023 graduate in Multimedia Journalism, and Ben Anderson, a freshman Media Production major.
- Callie Thacker, BFA Studio Art, received a John Marshall Creative Discovery grant for summer 2023. Her work will focus on Appalachian barn quilts.
- Shannon Scott was the first graduate of the BA Art History program (Spring 2023).
- Foundations Review Exhibition Winners (April 12, 2023):
 - Joshua White, BA Visual Art & Design, 1st place, *Brett, the Hypermasculine Gay Unicorn*
 - Jamie Meadows, BA Visual Art & Design, 2nd place, *Escape*
 - Chandreonia Harris, BA Visual Art & Design, 3rd place, *Flourish*
 - Allison Dorsey, BA Visual Art & Design, 4th place, *Tipple 36*
 - Sophie Leffew, BFA Ceramics, 5th place, *Untitled*.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Professor Burnis Morris, professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications and director of The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum, will host K-12 teachers to the Summer Institute on Black History Instruction the week of June 19. The West Virginia Humanities Council grant for the Black History Institute supports K-12 teachers who will study history and how to better integrate Black history within their lessons. The award covers three hours of graduate credit and provides teachers with \$500 stipends.
- Professor Frederick Bartolovic coordinated the 20th Annual Empty Bowls sale for the Facing Hunger Foodbank. The sales netted over \$15,000, and the proceeds will provide over 100,000 meals.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE (DEAN:
DR. DAVID DAMPIER)

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- CECS Academy of Distinguished Teachers
 - Ammar Alzarrad, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering
 - Mehdi Esmailpour, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering
 - Rick McCormick, Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering
- Weisberg Service Award
 - Haroon Malik, Associate Professor of Computer Science
- Weisberg Research Awards
 - Junior Award: Roozbeh "Ross" Salary, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering
 - Senior Award: Wael Zatar, Professor of Civil Engineering
- CECS Career Service Awards
 - Dr. Ron Bieniek, Professor of Mechanical Engineering (retiring)
 - Dr. Jian Liu, Associate Professor of Industrial Engineering (posthumous)
- **Zhu, P.**, "Centralized-Decentralized-Hybrid Control for Multi-Scale Robotic Spatial Exploration Systems," \$21,868, NASA WV EPSCOR Seed Grant.
- **Shim, S.**, "Mutated clonal hematopoiesis-driver genes in astronauts after space missions," \$15,000, NASA WV EPSCOR Seed Grant.
- **Chowdhury, S.**, "An Integrated and Adaptive Drone Routing Model for Emergency Response," \$18,000, NASA WV EPSCOR Seed Grant.
- **Sardahi, Y.**, "Investigation the Best Format for the Field Artillery Master Gunner Skills Enhancement Suite Prototype," \$188,182.77, CMP².
- McKnight, I., R. Raines, H. White, **N. Nosoudi**, C. Lee, P. Lee, **J. Shim**, "Mutability of druggable kinases and pro-inflammatory cytokines by their proximity to telomeres and A+T content," *PLOS ONE*, April 27, 2023.
- **Khalid, S., A. Alzarrad, I. Wait, H. Malik, & J. Bryce**, "Fuzzy Analytic Hierarchy Process (FAHP) Based Decision Support System to Select Suitable Wearable Sensing Devices (WSD) for Construction Workers," Accepted to appear in *Proceedings of the ASCE 2023 International Conference on Computing in Civil Engineering*, Corvallis, Oregon, June 25-28.
- **Alzarrad, A., S. Song, H. Hatamleh, I. Awolusi, & S. Chowdhury**, "Construction Automation Drivers and Challenges: The Case of Automatic Reinforced Concrete Beam Construction," Accepted to appear in *Proceedings of the ASCE 2023 International Conference on Computing in Civil Engineering*, Corvallis, Oregon, June 25-28.
- **Malik, H. and D. Dampier**, "A Framework to Facilitate Higher Educational Institutions Delivery of Data Science Microcredentials-A First-Hand Experience," Accepted for Publication in the *Proceedings of the ASEE National Conference*, Baltimore, MD, June 25 – 28, 2023.
- Hart, M., J. Conrad, E. Barrett, K. Legg, G. Ivey, P. Lee, Y. Yung, and **J. Shim**, "X-linked hydrocephalus genes: their proximity to telomeres and high A+T content compared to Parkinson's disease," Accepted for Publication in *Experimental Neurology*, 2023.

STUDENT & ALUMNI NEWS

- Luke Durham was elected to participate in a Research Experience for Undergraduates at Boise State University in Idaho.
- Muna Lentison was elected to participate in a Research Experience for Undergraduates at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- KrisAnna Parsons was selected to participate in a Research Experience for Undergraduates jointly administered by Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland State University.
- Emma Barrett, "Mutable effects of radiation on mouse and chimpanzee genome," NASA WV Space Grant Consortium Fellowship, May 16, 2023 – May 15, 2024, \$5,000. Emma is working with Dr. Simon Shim, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering.
- Luke Durham, "Collaboration Mechanism Development in Drone Swarms," NASA WV Space Grant Consortium Fellowship, May 16, 2023 – May 15, 2024, \$5,000. Luke is working with Dr. Sudipta Chowdhury, Assistant Professor of Industrial Engineering.
- John Russell, "Performing a Fire Hazard Assessment on Lithium-Ion Batteries to Improve Safety in Spaceflight," NASA WV Space Grant Consortium Fellowship, May 16, 2023 – May 15, 2024, \$5,000. John is working with Dr. Ryan Shen, Assistant Professor of Industrial Engineering.
- Hamzeh AlQawasmi, "Design and Fabrication of Bone Scaffolds," \$4000, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, MURC. Hamzeh is working with Dr. Ross Salary, Assistant Professor of Biomedical and Mechanical Engineering.
- Robbie Clarke, "Influence of Environmental Insults on Human and Mouse Genome Post-Space Mission," \$4000, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, MURC. Robbie is working with Dr. Simon Shim, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering.
- Reagan Halley, "A Data Mining Approach to Predict Post Transplant Malignancies," \$4000, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, MURC. Reagan is working with Dr. Nasim Nosoudi, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering.
- Madeline Hart, "Mutability of Novel GPCR Genes and Opioid Receptors in Human and Animal Genomes," \$4000, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, MURC. Madeline is working with Dr. Simon Shim, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering.
- Gabrielle Ivey, "Transcriptional Roles for Tissue Plasminogen Activator Gene in Alzheimer's Disease," \$4000, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, MURC. Gabrielle is working with Dr. Simon Shim, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering.
- Baylee Weaver, "Exploring the Differentiation of Mesenchymal Stem Cell to Chondrocytes using electric field," \$4000, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, MURC. Baylee is working with Dr. Nasim Nosoudi, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (DEAN: DR. TERESA EAGLE)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2023 WVTESOL conference was held at MU April 14-15. Teaching English as a Second Language is an important effort and has been shared over the years by the COEPD and COLA. Executive Board members include Dr. Isaac Larison and Dr. Ruthann Arneson (COEPD) and Kae Bradley, Sarah Nowak, Dr. Puspa Damai, Siham El Ougli, and Amine Oudghiri-Otmani.
- The first meeting of the Doctoral Faculty Collaborative program was held on May 18. This series of meetings is being established to support the faculty who work with students in the EdD programs. Dr. Bobbi Nicholson and Dr. Ron Childress were panelists, providing an overview of the dissertation research process and answering questions from potential new doctoral faculty. The Collaborative is being organized and implemented by Dr. Tammy Johnson.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr. Kimberly McFall, School Library Program Coordinator, and Jessica Lowman, Archivist and Faculty Librarian, gave an invited talk on the State of Libraries in America: A cultural conversation to the Faculty and Students of the Department of Libraries and Digital Media on Thursday, May 11 at the University of Wrocław. The conversation centered around banned books and censorship, the history of librarianship in Appalachia and the importance that Archivists play in preserving history. Dr. McFall was also chosen as a John Marshall Scholar for Summer 2023.
- Dr. Lori Howard was awarded the Hedrick Program Grant for Teaching Innovation, 2022-2023.
- Drs. Feon Smith-Branch, Lisa Burton and Isaac Larison were promoted to the rank of full Professor.
- Dr. Sachiko McBride was recognized as a Student Success Champion for Spring 2023.
- College level awards were presented to the following:
 - Hicks Teaching – Dr. Jeff Garrett, Counseling
 - Guyer Service – Dr. Sandra Stroebel, School Psychology
 - Barnett Research – Dr. McKenzie Brittain, Curriculum & Instruction

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Julia Costello Williamson, a senior Elementary Education major, was selected as a recipient of a Creative Discovery and Research Award for Summer 2023.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Dr. Feon Smith-Branch traveled to Little Rock, AR, May 3-5, 2023, alongside her colleagues from West Virginia University, Dr. Ann Chester and Dr. Bethany Hornbeck,

to co-facilitate a RAMP-UP-WV Health Sciences and Technology Academy (HSTA) Gap Analysis Workshop by HSTA Hatch to the Pathways Academy at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

- Dr. Neil Arneson has taken on the One Room Schoolhouse as a retirement project. He has maintained open hours for the Spring semester, doing living history presentations on Thursday. As a full costumed headmaster, he has hosted numerous groups of students from area schools, drop-ins from MU students and staff, and has plans for activities through the summer and fall. The Country School Association will be visiting the ORS in July to start planning their 2025 national conference here.
- Homer Hickam was a special guest for several activities for MU May 4-5. He was the featured speaker for the first post-Covid installment of the Margaret Kathryn Sovine Billups Lecture Series. Attendees included local community members, students, MU faculty, and many others excited to hear about the people who inspired him. Prior to the Lecture, he answered many questions from a smaller group of invited guests. This included representatives of those who assisted in sponsoring his appearance: College of Engineering and Computer Science, the College of Liberal Arts, MU libraries, and the WV Department of Education. The following day, he gave the keynote address at the WV Young Writers Day in Charleston. YWD is directed by Dr. Barbara O'Byrne who made it possible for us to welcome Homer Hickam home to WV. Mr. Hickam charmed attendees with his deprecating humor, and his generous commitment of time; he remained well past the end of each of the activities greeting fans, signing autographs, and giving attention to all.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS (DEAN: DR. MICHAEL PREWITT)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Dr. Eric Blough was named as the new dean for the School of Pharmacy. Dr. Blough joined the faculty at Marshall University as assistant professor in the department of biological sciences in 2003. In 2012, he joined the MU School of Pharmacy as an associate professor in the department of pharmaceutical sciences and research. In 2014, he became a full professor. From 2015-2018, he was the assistant dean of curriculum before being appointed as the associate dean of academic affairs in 2018. He has been serving as the interim dean of the school since January of 2022.
- Dr. Annette Ferguson was selected as the new chair for the School of Nursing. Dr. Ferguson earned her Master of Science degree in Nursing with a focus in nursing education from Regis University in Denver, Colorado, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice in leadership from Eastern Kentucky University. She has been a registered nurse for over 25 years with a focus on critical care and has worked in higher education as a nurse educator for over 18 years. She has been an associate professor of nursing at Marshall University since 2017. In the fall of 2019, Dr. Ferguson served as the director of the pre-licensure B.S.N. program until she was appointed the interim chair for the School of Nursing in 2022.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Marshall University Athletic Training faculty member Jenni Wheeler-Johnson was inducted into the West Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association as a Hall of Fame. Wheeler-Johnson is the first female inducted into the prestigious group whose members have excelled at caring for athletes throughout the region. The clinical coordinator joined the Marshall Athletic Training staff as an assistant professor/clinical coordinator in August 2019.
- Dr. Gretchen Prather was promoted to full professor in the School of Physical Therapy. Dr. Prather was also recognized for her completion of the 2023 cohort of the John Marshall Leadership Fellows Program at their end-of-year reception.
- Dr. James Dauber was promoted to full professor in the School of Physical Therapy.
- Dr. Gregory Breeden, Assistant Professor in Health Sciences, was given the 2023 Mental Health Advocate Award by the Marshall University Counseling Center. According to the Counseling Center staff, Dr. Breeden's name came up several times as a faculty member who made a difference in the care and well-being of students this year.
- Steven Leigh, PhD, was recognized for his work at the Marshall Center for Student Success for making student success a reality.
- Dr. Suzanne M. Konz (Biomechanics) and Dr. Zach Garrett (Athletic Training) presented a podium lecture: "Upholding the NATA Membership Standards and the Code of Ethics," at the 2023 Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Symposium held in Virginia Beach, VA on May 22, 2023.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Marshall University Doctor of Nursing Practice student Emily Hankins has been selected to represent Marshall on the West Virginia Organization for Nursing Leadership (WVONL) board. WVONL is a state affiliate of the American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL). Hankins will participate in board meetings, sub-committees and events as well as be a non-voting member.
- Thirteen students along with seven faculty in the School of Physical Therapy presented research at the 2023 American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) meeting in San Diego.
- Athletic Training students Blake Lacy and Heather Williamson presented at the 2023 National Athletic Trainer's Association (NATA) Clinical Symposia & AT Expo in June.
- Students in the Athletic Training department presented posters at the 2023 WV Athletic Trainer's Association Symposium.
 - Anthony Whitlock – "Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reinjury"
 - Madeline Beck – "Bilateral Shin Pain Presenting as Bilateral Exertional Compartment Syndrome"
 - Lyndsie Wilson – "Lower Back Radiofrequency Rhizotomy: Clinical 4 Case Study"
 - Bailey Pullen – "Tibial Plateau Fracture Within Football"
 - Heather Williamson – "Tear of the Anterior Inferior Tibiofibular Ligament Resulting in a Tight Rope Surgery and Achilles Tendon Tendinopathy"
 - WVATA Student of the Year – Blayne Lykins

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Marshall University's Speech and Hearing Center and the Huntington Scottish Rite Foundation held their 21st Rite Care fundraising dinner on April 22. The Scottish Rite program provides comprehensive services to children with communication disorders without regard to a families' ability to pay.
- The Herd Nursing Day Camps were held June 14-15 for local students grades 6-11 who are interested in a career in nursing.
- High school students from Boone County visited the nursing labs in May to learn more about the BSN program.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (DEAN: DR. ROBERT BOOKWALTER)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The College of Liberal Arts is proud to celebrate the graduation of 92 undergraduate students in Spring 2023. Sixty-one COLA graduates finished their degrees with honors – 25 Cum Laude, 23 Magna Cum Laude, and 13 Summa Cum Laude. In addition, 41 students were awarded Master's degrees at the May ceremony.
- Thirty-four students from the College of Liberal Arts were recognized at the annual Elizabeth Gibson Drinko Honor's Convocation on April 22, 2023. Dr. Zelideth Rivas, professor of Japanese and Assistant Provost for Global Education, was the keynote speaker. Olivia Moncada earned honor awards in Political Science and Communication Studies. Teddy Fuller earned honor awards in Sociology and Religious Studies.
- The Doctor of Clinical Psychology (PsyD) program at Marshall celebrated its 20th anniversary in April.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Four distinguished faculty members, representing 123 years of teaching and scholarship, are retiring this year:

- Dr. Bill Palmer, professor of History, is retiring after 39 years at MU. Bill joined the faculty in 1984. Bill has been an outstanding educator and a prolific scholar. He is a five-time finalist for the Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award, winning the award in 2014. He earned the Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award in 1997 and was a finalist for WV Professor of the Year in 2015. Dr. Palmer is an elected fellow of the Royal Historical Society of Britain. He is the author of five books and 37 scholarly articles during his distinguished career at Marshall.
- Dr. Donna Sullivan, professor of Sociology, is retiring after 18 years at Marshall. She joined the Sociology faculty in 2005 after earning her MS and PhD at University of Massachusetts, Boston's Gerontology Institute. She taught courses focused on the sociology of aging and death and dying and served on over 20 master's and honors thesis committees.
- Dr. Pamela Mulder, professor of Psychology, retired after 30 years at Marshall University. She taught for 7 years at Fresno State while earning her PhD at the California School of Professional Psychology. In 1993 she joined the faculty at Marshall. Pamela taught a wide range of courses in social psychology and clinical psychology. Her research focused on rural mental health services, particularly for women in Appalachia. She has been a champion for students from marginalized communities and a research mentor to dozens of doctoral students.
- Dr. Gwyneth Hood, professor of English, retired after 35 years of teaching. Gwyneth was a graduate of Wellesley and the University of Michigan. She was a gifted teacher, specializing in medieval literature, fantasy, and science fiction. She published one novel and an English translation of *Book in Honor of Augustus*. She also authored 10 scholarly articles focused on the work of Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, and Dante. Dr. Hood sadly passed away from cancer on May 15, 2023.

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COLLEGE OF SCIENCE (INTERIM DEAN: MR. BRIAN MORGAN)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Dr. Wesley Stites was named as the new dean for the College of Science. Dr. Stites comes to Marshall from the University of Arkansas where he served as department chair of Chemistry and Biochemistry for five years and then served as associate vice chancellor of research and innovation. Dr. Stites did his undergraduate work in chemistry at Johns Hopkins University. He was awarded a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Stites returned to Johns Hopkins School of Medicine for an NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship conducting research in molecular biology and biophysics.
- The College of Science graduated 197 students during the 2022-2023 academic year.
- The Department of Chemistry added two new areas of emphasis in forensic chemistry which will educate students with knowledge for analyzing evidence from crime scenes for police investigations and court cases.
- Marshall University will receive \$6+ million from the National Science Foundation's Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) grant. These funds will create the West Virginia Network for Functional Neuroscience and Transcriptomics (WV-NFNT), a statewide collaboration of neuroscientists and bioinformaticists working to position West Virginia as a center for impactful neuroscience research. Faculty involved from Marshall University include Drs. Nadja Spitzer, Brian Antonsen and Suzanne Strait (Biological Sciences); Drs. Rosalynn Quiñones-Fernández and Mike Norton (Chemistry); Dr. Tina Cartwright (Education); David Cartwright and Dr. Haroon Malick (Computer Science); and Drs. Chris Risher, Louise Risher, and Brandon Henderson (School of Medicine).

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr. Richard Gage, Natural Resources & Earth Sciences, will be piloting the Marshall Adventure Program (MAP) this summer, whose aim is to improve retention rates by developing an adventure-based, high-impact first-year experience for incoming Marshall students. The program will consist of a challenging adventure program prior to the start of the students' first semester and ongoing mentorship, programming, and monitoring during their first year. Rick and his team will include 40 students this summer in the new program.
- The STaR Division (Science, Technology and Research) of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission awarded Research Challenge Grants (RCGs) to directly support research conducted by students and faculty at West Virginia higher education institutions. **Drs. Xiaojuan (Judy) Fan and Huong Nguyen**, Physics, are part of a team that was awarded \$1,315,000 over five years. **Dr. Rosalynn Quiñones-Fernández**, Chemistry, is part of a team that was awarded \$1,300,000 over five years.
- Dr. Kimberly Kunkler, Forensic Science, attended the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) for Forensic Science in April and the Spring 2023 Meetings of the Forensic Science Committees at ASTM International in May.

- Dr. Davide Mauro, Computer and Information Technology, served as an official reviewer for the IEEE WASPAA 2023 Conference held in New Paltz, New York, as well as the AudioMostly 2023 Conference held in Edinburgh, United Kingdom.
- Mr. Brian M. Morgan, Interim Dean/Computer and Information Technology, was honored as the recipient of the 2023 Stephen W. Hensley Dedication to Student Life Award, selected by the Marshall University Student Government Association.
- Dr. Wendy Perkins, Criminal Justice and Criminology, gave an invited talk at Marshall University, entitled “40 Years of Sexual Violence Research and Advocacy.” She also presented “Lessons Learned While Researching Violence Against Women” at the Spring 2023 Herd in Town, Celebrating Female Perspectives, Huntington, WV.
- Drs. Stephen Young and Ryan Phillips, Criminal Justice and Criminology, along with B. Pitman presented “A Change Must Come: Intersections of Big Pharma, War on Drugs Policies, and the Opioid Epidemic” at the Abolitions Conferences at the University of California Washington Center in Washington, DC.
- Twenty-seven College of Science faculty, staff, and students were recognized by the Center for Student Success for making student success a reality throughout the year.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Eight Marshall University students participated in the world’s largest international cyber defense exercise, run virtually by the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence in Tallinn, Estonia. The students traveled to Morgantown to partner with the U.S. Blue Team for the exercise, hosted by the West Virginia National Guard, under the leadership of the Defense Information Systems Agency.
- Chemistry student researchers Perin Schray, Alex Laverty, Julia Barnes, Cameron Whetzel, and Sierra Lutz received WV NASA awards.
- Hunter Mitchell, Trace Clark, and Jacob Blizzard were awarded MURC Undergraduate Creative Discovery and Research Awards for summer 2023.
- Student researchers Abby Roberts and Yilin Cai are Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) recipients for summer 2023.
- Chemistry student researcher Khaled El-Shazly won second prize for his poster in the Regional Undergraduate Chemistry Poster Competition at the University of Kentucky.
- Chemistry student researchers Brendin Flinn, Kara Joseph, Trace Clark, Sierra Lutz, Kayla Tyler, and Garrett Shields presented posters at the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Meeting (ASBMB 2023) in Seattle, WA.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- The Department of Chemistry held four outreach events for elementary and middle school students in Cabell County and Lawrence County, Ohio which included 450+ students. The events were entitled “Mad Scientist Day”, “Chemistry of Tardigrades”, and “Acid-Base Chemistry”.

DIVISION OF AVIATION (CHIEF AVIATION OFFICER: MR. BILL NOE)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Marshall University Aviation was officially recognized as a Federal Aviation Administration Safety Team [FAAST] in May 2023, four months ahead of schedule. The National FAAST Team develops standardized safety interventions for General Aviation, and supports other safety initiatives, including innovation and response to localized safety issues. Marshall Aviation will work with the aviation community, as well as the community at large to promote aviation safety.
- The Chief Aviation Officer is pleased to announce that Aviation's Bill Noe Flight School is approved to enroll international students in the Professional Pilot, Bachelor of Science program effective May 18, 2023.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Aviation Maintenance Technology School's inaugural cohort which began in Fall 2022 received contingent offers of employment from Embraer. This cohort is scheduled to graduate in Spring 2024.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Marshall Aviation hosted West Virginia legislators during the May interim session held on Marshall University's campus. Mr. Bill Noe, MU Chief Aviation Officer, along with representatives from Mountwest Community and Technical College, and Huntington Tri-State Airport showcased Marshall Aviation and the economic development opportunities at the airport location.
- The Aviation Maintenance Technology school held an enrollment open house on April 22 for high school students and their families, current Marshall students, area school principals, teachers and counselors and community members to learn more about AMT education and careers. Over 100 guests from the Tri-State area attended and nine individuals submitted applications during the event.
- Aviation attended an aviation career fair at the Logan County Airport. Area high school students and community members attended the event. Over 400 guests attended the event and approximately 150 visited Aviation's booth.

LEWIS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS (INTERIM DEAN: DR. JEFFREY ARCHAMBAULT)

Program Highlights

- Dr. Don Capener was selected as the new dean for the Lewis College of Business. Dr. Capener has served as vice president at Monmouth College in Illinois, dean at both Jacksonville and Utah Valley universities, and as associate provost and graduate director at Utah Valley University (UVU). He successfully led UVU's Woodbury School of Business through AACSB re-accreditation in June 2022. Dr. Capener earned his Ph.D. in International Business, an M.B.A. in marketing, and a bachelor's degree in political science and economics.
- The Lewis College of Business hosted the Third Annual Teaching and Learning Conference on March 24. The keynote speaker was Dr. John Fraedrich, a renowned educator in business ethics from Southern Illinois University. The dual themes of the conference were teaching ethics and moving forward with extension of AACSB accreditation. Approximately 30 individuals attended the conference.
- AACSB recognized the Lewis College of Business as one of 25 schools with Innovations that Inspire. Dr. Ben Eng, Director of the LCOB iCenter, submitted the entry featuring the iCenter's efforts to inspire innovation throughout the LCOB, Marshall University, and the community. Dr. Eng represented the LCOB at the AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting (ICAM) in April.
- The Truist Center for Leadership hosted the Business Leadership Symposium on April 10. The symposium featured 11 individuals or teams presenting student projects tackling real-world business challenges. Transient undergraduate students Romane Soleillant, Anais Vincent, and Marine Kersuzan were awarded first place with Student Exchange & Study Abroad. Maddy Branham was awarded second place with Sustainable Waste Management, proposing an app that creates a technologically advanced waste management system.

Faculty & Staff Achievements

- Amanda Meadows, instructor in the Department of Accountancy and Legal Environment, was named the West Virginia Society of CPAs Educator of the Year for 2023.
- Dr. Amanda Thompson-Abbott, Department of Accountancy and Legal Environment, was presented a Certificate of Recognition for 15 years of dedicated volunteer work with the United Way of the River Cities Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.
- Dr. Uday Tate, Dr. Ben Eng, Lacie Bittinger, and Paige Leonard were recognized as Student Success Champions. Students identify faculty and staff whose kindness, caring, guidance, leadership, and wisdom have made their success possible.

Student & Alumni Achievements

- The student chapter of the Center for Public Trust held its Second Annual Business Ethics Case Competition March 9. The Competition is sponsored by the Maier Foundation. Allan McVey, West Virginia Commissioner of Insurance, was the keynote speaker. Cyrah Moore won first place. The team of Maddy Branham and Bella Schrader won second place.
- The LCOB hosted the fifth annual West Virginia Innovation and Business Model Competition (WVIBMC) on March 22. The focus of the competition is designing desirable and workable business models that are attractive to investors. The competition is open to all students of two or four-year institutions of higher education in West Virginia. Dr. Olen York worked with entrepreneurship faculty from business schools, who in turn trained student entrepreneurs. Bella Schrader won the Qualifying Event and received \$500 and advances to the Finals Event with a chance to win \$3,000.
- Marshall University Innovation Fellows and LCOB students attended Stanford University's University Innovation Fellows Meetup.
- Four student members of the MU chapter of the Financial Management Association, along with Dr. Mohammad Uddin, attended the Quinnipiac Global Asset Management Education (GAME) Forum March 30-31. The chapter also partnered with the LCOB and The Rahal Center for Strategic Engagement to host Marshall Financial Literacy Week April 10-13. Financial professionals from Chase, Truist, and State Farm presented workshops.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY (INTERIM DEAN: DR. ERIC BLOUGH)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The School of Pharmacy celebrated its eighth graduating class on April 27, conferring 54 Doctor of Pharmacy degrees, one with a research track certificate. The master's degree in Pharmaceutical Science program also had two graduates this year.

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- Dr. Gayle A. Brazeau presented "Advancing and Publishing Your Scholarship of Teaching and Learning" at the Texas Southern University Joan M. Lafleur College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences June 19. Dr. Brazeau also presented "Enhancing Your Scholarship of Teaching and Learning" at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy, June 20.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Marshall chapter of The American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) participated in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 22. There were three drop-off sites in Huntington and one in Crab Orchard, WV.
- Rachele Subik was selected by the School of Pharmacy E-board to receive the APhA-ASP Chapter Senior Recognition Certificate as the graduating member who made the greatest contribution to the chapter.
- Class of 2019 Alum, Brittany Messer, Pharm.D., received an NIH Early Career Investigator Award.

CENTER FOR TEACHING & LEARNING (INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: DR. APRIL FUGETT)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning, the Inquiring Pedagogies (iPED) Regional Teaching Conference is a professional development opportunity for faculty, staff, and administrators from Marshall University and all regionally accredited Colleges and Universities. This year's theme was Transforming Teaching and Learning through Best Practices. There were 20 sessions selected by the conference committee with 38 presenters, including six external presenters.
- The 2023 John Marshall Leadership Fellows Program Cohort celebrated the completion of their program at a reception in April. The broad aims of the John Marshall Leadership Fellows Program at Marshall University are to: Identify faculty, staff and administrators who have leadership potential; Provide information, training and development activities related to institutional processes, policies and decision-making pathways; Build participants' competence through leadership theory and research; and Apply leadership principles to a timely problem-solving project, addressing an issue of significance to the university. The reception honored the 18 completing cohort members and their 17 mentors.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- **April Fugett (along with Psy.D. students and colleagues) presented research at Spring conferences.**
 - **Kinsey, M., Fugett, A., Beard, K.W., Black, B., & Kinder, L. (2023, April). Personality, Trauma & Pop Culture. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, IL.**
 - **Kinder, L., Fugett, A. Beard, K.W., & Kinsey, M. (2023, April). The Translation of Anime, Personality Traits, and Cognitive Load. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, IL.**
 - **Fugett, A., Black, B., Beard, K.W., & Kinsey, M. (2023, March). Psychology and Emotions of Villains. Paper presented at WonderCon. Anaheim, CA.**

COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

- Several representatives from Marshall were invited to present their work on student success during the 2022-2023 Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange (CSRDE) Webinar Series. This project included representation from CTL, University College, the Center for Student Success, and Academic Affairs.
- **Fugett, A., Atkins, C., Schray, K., & McComas, K. (2023, April). Using Risk Analytics to Develop and Support Student Success Initiatives and Interventions. 2022-2023 Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange (CSRDE) Webinar Series.**

CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS (DIRECTOR: DR. KATERYNA SCHRAY)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The Alternative Suspension Program finished the academic year with the highest success rate in its four-year history, with 70% of the participating students completing their alternative suspension contract and able to return to Marshall.
- CSS certified 7 new Total Withdrawal Counselors at its training on May 23, 2023, bringing the total number of TWCs at Marshall to 37. TWCs meet with students who are withdrawing from all their classes after the schedule adjustment period to guide them through the process, ensure that they understand any impact on their Financial Aid, Housing, etc., and set them up for success for future semesters. This program is unique to Marshall University.
- The Supplemental Instruction program concluded its first year back after a hiatus due to COVID. For Spring 2023, students who attended SI sessions earned grades .5 or higher on a 4-point scale compared to their classmates who did not attend SI sessions across all five supported sections.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- CSS Director Kateryna Schray co-presented a session entitled "Using Risk Analytics to Develop and Support Student Success Initiatives and Interventions" at the April 12 webinar sponsored by the Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange (CSRDE) at the University of Oklahoma with April Fugett, Chris Atkins, and Karen McComas.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- CSS held its first annual CSS Recognition Ceremony on Friday, April 21, 2023, to honor FAM Peer Mentors (Olivia Bird, Gracie Brumfield, Andrea Dalton, Aakriti Damai, Hannah Dorsey, Cora Kelley, Michaela Marshall, Hayley Russell, Whitney Sisler, Emilee Wallace, Sarah Wilson), Supplemental Instruction Leaders (Caroline Cartwright, Irina Kukharskaya, Zoey Smith) and CSS Graduate Assistants (Meadow Hoover, Katelyn York Patrick) who graduated in Spring of 2023. Each student received a CSS graduation cord to signify not only their own successful achievement of a college degree but also their contribution to the success of the students entrusted to their care through various CSS programs.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- CSS Director Kateryna Schray continues to co-host Marshall's weekly program *MUkraine*, live every Friday afternoon on the war in Ukraine with experts and guests from around the world. To date, the program has aired for 63 weeks without interruption.

INTERCULTURAL & STUDENT AFFAIRS (VICE PRESIDENT: DR. MARCIE SIMMS)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- In March, the Wellness Program Office presented “Party in the New Era”, a harm reduction presentation for Fraternity and Sorority Life. The office also provided “Safer Spring Break” activities for 200 participants with 150 Safer Spring Break kits distributed.
- Wellness Programs held in April a Sleep for Success Week and distributed 400 kits that had important information and tools for better sleeping habits.
- In May, Wellness Programs provided Alcohol and Certified Tobacco Cessation Training.
- The Office of Disability Services proctored 273 exams and 65 finals for the Spring semester. Disability Services had 551 students registered at the end of the Spring semester.
- The Annual Women of Marshall Awards had a record-high attendance (82 participants) on April 28, with First Lady of Marshall Alys Smith serving as keynote speaker. Awards were presented to students, faculty, and staff whom their peers nominated for recognition of their contributions toward gender equity on campus.
- The Office of Student Conduct had six tabling events this semester on Student Conduct.
- The LGBTQ+ Office Spring Lavender Graduation had the largest number of graduates, with 35 graduates.
- The Counseling Center now has 5 fully licensed counselors and two provisionally licensed counselors.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Lisa Martin, Director of Student Conduct, participated in the National Association of Student Personal Administrators (NASPA) 2023 Certificate Program in Student Affairs Law and Policy. This 23-hour intensive residential program provides an opportunity for in-depth study to enhance student affairs, professional knowledge, and understanding of law and policy. Ms. Martin was also selected by the Association of Student Conduct Administration (ASCA) to represent the association on the Student Affairs Educators Certification Consortium for the Core and Student Conduct Specialty Certification Committees. This is a dual 2-year appointment that serves both committees. Ms. Martin will represent the field of student conduct in Core Certification decisions while shaping the Student Conduct Specialty Certification to demonstrate competence in the field.
- Wellness Programs presented in April at the West Virginia Collegiate Initiative (WVCIA) to Advance Healthy Campus communities. The Wellness Coordinator is the Co-Chair of the WVCIA.
- Counseling Center staff Nikki Barr and Morgan Conley received Student Success Awards.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life increased memberships in its historically black Greek organizations (NPHC) with new member presentations from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- The MU Student Veterans Association chapter and president were featured in the spring edition of the national Student Veterans Association (SVA) quarterly. They were recognized for their work in creating a statewide network of SVA offices working to push legislation and compile resources.

COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

- Wellness Programs collaborated with the Counseling Center in March for a Women's Wellness Event. Two events with Housing and Residence Life were held on drinking and driving and responsible partying.
- In April, Wellness Programs presented to Professor Wook-Sung Yoo's Engineering class on Wellness for Success. The center collaborated with the Pan African Student Alliance for their dinner/fashion show event, the Counseling Center for Men's Mental Health Awareness, and with Sodexo Dining halls to highlight foods that support memory and healthy brains.
- The Women's and Gender Center is partnering with the College of Business to offer salary negotiation workshop training to upper-level undergraduate students seeking a professional certificate. This training is facilitated by colleagues in the Office of Career and Education with the goal of teaching college women how to successfully advocate for themselves to achieve equitable pay and close the gender wage gap post-graduation.
- The Women's and Gender Center is partnering with the Minority Health Institute to offer more campus programs that focus on education and awareness surrounding issues on reproductive health, maternal health, cervical cancer, breast cancer, hypertension, and its specific impact on women and minorities, and human trafficking.
- The Center for African American Students is a member of the Marshall University Juneteenth Planning Committee. The Center is also a sponsor of the Fairfield CDC Farce for Equality for Huntington's Juneteenth celebration.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life increased memberships in its Historically Black Greek organizations (NPHC) with new member presentations from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Completed its last Community Service Event of the semester by attending Spring Hill Elementary School and engaging with students regarding Greek Life and playing fun games.
- The Women's and Gender Center is partnering with CONTACT Rape Crisis Center and locally owned female business VC Boutique to host a fundraiser in the Fall to raise funds, awareness, education, and prevention to support survivors in our community.



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Graduate medical education programs recognize graduates, welcome incoming residents, fellows

Eighty-seven resident physicians and fellows will complete their training at the School of Medicine later this month. More than 51% of the graduates will go on to pursue advanced training; 49% will enter into private practice and/or academic medicine.

Likewise, more than 103 incoming resident physicians and fellows will officially begin their training July 1 at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, including the first group of rural general surgery residents at Logan Regional Medical Center. Marshall's newest cohort of trainees represent 60 medical schools across 14 different states and 22 countries. The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine now has 289 total trainees across 26 programs, the largest in the school's 46-year history.

On campus interviews for School of Medicine dean position conclude

Five dean candidates were selected for on campus interviews. Three candidates accepted the invitation and visited Marshall University's downtown and health sciences campuses in late May/early June. Faculty, staff and learners had opportunities to meet and interact with each candidate as well as provide anonymous feedback through optional online surveys.

School of Medicine hosts one-day virtual academy for students interested in medical school

Fifteen undergraduate students from across West Virginia participated the one-day virtual academy on May 17 to learn more about the path to becoming a physician. Topics included interviewing skills, maximizing study skills, admissions tips from admission committee members and staff and advice from current medical students.

Program offers WV high school students immersive glimpse into health care professions

Marshall University is hosting nearly two dozen students from 16 high schools in West Virginia, Ohio and Maryland on campus June 5-29 for the annual Health Care Pathways Initiative (HCPI). Led by the School of Medicine, HCPI is a four-week residential experience that gives minority high school students a glimpse into the care setting and structure of STEM workplaces through hands-on experiences in science, research, health care, pharmacy, nursing health informatics and engineering.



Cardiology Fellow Olalekan Olanipekun, MD, with Cardiology Chair Mehiar El-Hamdani, MD

Work continues in the due diligence phase of "Project Marco," the effort to form an integrated academic health system.

An internal webpage has been created to keep faculty, staff and learners updated on the progress.



INFORMATION HUB FOR PROJECT MARCO

The journey toward an integrated academic health system

Dr. Bisher Mustafa to serve as interim chair of internal medicine

Earlier this year, Mehiar El-Hamdani, MD, announced his intent to step down as chair of the Department of Internal Medicine to focus full time on his role as chair of the Department of Cardiology. Effective July 1, 2023, Bisher Mustafa, MD, associate professor of medicine and chief of general internal medicine, will assume the role of interim chair of the Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Mustafa joined the School of Medicine faculty in 2017 and is triple board-certified in internal medicine, vascular medicine and obesity medicine.

School of Medicine's largest scholarship fundraiser set for August 26

Standing Out in Our Field returns Saturday, August 26, beginning with a reception at 6 p.m. and followed by dinner & dancing from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Barboursville Soccer Complex. The fundraising event, presented by Dean's Circle sponsor Mountain Health Network, generates on average \$100,000 annually for medical student scholarships. Medical students volunteer for the event, serving nearly 500 guests. Sponsorships and tickets are available.



Student volunteers at the 2022 event.

Upcoming School of Medicine events

- **Project PREMED:** A five-day (July 17-21) residential experience that allows undergraduate ethnic minority students to explore medical school as a career path. Students also gain insights into the processes and preparation required for applying to and attending medical school.
- **MD Class of 2027 White Coat Ceremony:** August 4 at Keith Albee Performing Arts Center



Dr. Bisher Mustafa

Faculty, learners present research

This spring, School of Medicine faculty, students, resident physicians and fellows have presented their research at conferences across the globe, including but not limited to:

- American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES): Montreal, Canada
- American Physiological Society Summit: Long Beach, California
- Digestive Disease Week: Chicago, Illinois
- European Calcified Tissue Society Meeting: Liverpool, UK
- International Association of Medical Science Educators: Cancun, Mexico
- Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting: Washington, DC
- WV Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Annual Meeting: White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.
- WV Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Annual Meeting: Roanoke, W.Va.