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**PHILLIPS**

*From rural West Virginia to the Big Apple,  
this proud graduate helps aspiring doctors find their way.*





## Marshall School of Medicine receives full accreditation from LCME

Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has received a full eight-year accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the maximum period of accreditation a school can receive.

The LCME reviewed the survey team's report from its site visit as well as a curriculum modification notice submitted by the school in making its decision. The next full survey visit for Marshall will be during the 2026-2027 academic year.



**Fast Track to MD** Our first class of BS/MD students celebrated their entry into medical school during the White Coat Ceremony on August 3, 2018.

FROM THE DEAN'S DESK.....

## Many paths lead to **medicine ... and Marshall**



In my career, I've been blessed to see literally thousands of budding physicians blossom. Some have gone into primary care, others have become surgeons or specialists. Some have become physician scientists. Each has had a highly individual journey.

I am often asked why I personally decided to become a doctor. The answer to "why did you become a doctor?" could be almost anything. The answer for you might be that a loved one took sick or passed away. It might be that you saw healing. It could be a love of science. There are so many possibilities.

Different experiences lead us to pursue careers as physicians. But more than just a story, your path is what evokes compassion as you comfort a hurting family, gives you the problem-solving skills to accurately analyze data in your lab or provides you the talent to perform a surgery with the necessary precision and accuracy.

Likewise, those experiences brought you here to Marshall. In this issue of *Benefactor*, we showcase some of those paths for our more than 1,900 School of Medicine alumni. Dr. Doug Phillips ('84) talks about his journey from rural West Virginia to New York City. And a number of student-athletes explain how they use their knowledge of the human body and apply it in a way that make them extraordinary physicians.

I'm so glad that Marshall is part of your story.

Warm regards,

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## Health sciences campus expands with graduate student housing addition

Marshall University continues to expand its health sciences footprint in Huntington with the addition of Fairfield Landing, an all-inclusive housing complex designed specifically for health science graduate students, medical students, residents, faculty and staff. Fairfield Landing is located along 14th Street between the Erma Ora Byrd Clinical Center and Forensic Science Building.

Fairfield Landing opened in August 2019, along with Stephen J. Kopp Hall, the new academic pharmacy building located on Hal Greer Boulevard named in memory of the university's late president. This growth moves Marshall closer toward an integrated health sciences



Fairfield Landing, a 197-unit housing complex, along with Stephen J. Kopp Hall, opened in August 2019.

campus in which pharmacy and medical students and residents have the opportunity to work, study and live in a collaborative, supportive academic and clinical community.

## School of Medicine launches Women in Medicine and Science mentoring circle

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine launched a longitudinal mentoring program that connects women mentors and mentees at various stages of their careers. Available to women faculty, residents, alumni, medical students and staff, the Women in Medicine and Science (WIMS) program helps participants connect with new and established women leaders and professionals.

The group promotes policies, practices and programs that advance women's participation and success by building a supportive community that nurtures the professional development of current and future women in medicine and science;



The Women in Medicine and Science mentoring circle at Marshall is led by an executive committee of faculty, residents and students.

advocating for women's advancement and leadership in education, research, clinical practice and administration; collecting, analyzing and applying data to inform institutional and individual decisions and actions; developing and disseminating initiatives, resources, mentoring and professional career development programs; recognizing women's accomplishments; and working with the American Association of Medical Colleges and other medical schools to advance women in medicine and science nationally.

## Marshall makes its mark on addiction

Through partnerships with other local organizations, the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and its practice plan, Marshall Health, opened two new addiction treatment facilities in 2018.

The Provider Response Organization for Addiction Care & Treatment (PROACT) brings together behavioral, social and medical resources from the community to effectively triage patients experiencing addiction. The PROACT model consolidates the process into a single accessible service hub to ensure individuals see a physician and receive timely access to a treatment plan. PROACT, which operates as a separate organization in collaboration with local hospitals and the local federal qualified health center, opened its facility in Huntington in October 2018 with goals for further expansion.



PROACT is located at 800 20th Street in Huntington.



Project Hope for Women & Children is located adjacent to the Huntington City Mission.

Project Hope for Women & Children opened in December 2018 as the region's only comprehensive residential treatment facility for women with substance use disorders and their children. Project Hope provides onsite peer and residential support, developmental and parenting supports and mental health services. Other recovery services are provided through existing community resources and other outpatient locations, including childcare, education and job training and wellness classes.

In April 2019, Project Hope for Women & Children and PROACT both received "Innovation Now" awards from a Washington, D.C.-based organization, the Addiction Policy Forum, for being among the top 10 innovative solutions for the prevention and treatment of substance use disorder in West Virginia.

## School of Medicine announces physician assistant program



Ginger Boles, MS, PA-C, serves as program director of the physician assistant program.

Marshall School of Medicine is launching a physician assistant program to meet a growing regional and national healthcare need. The program will include both didactic and clinical components and take approximately 27 months to complete.

The physician assistant program, which will award a Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant, is currently in the development stage and has submitted its application for initial accreditation from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant. Marshall anticipates welcoming its first class in January of 2021, pending provisional accreditation approval.



## RESEARCH NEWS

Marshall scientists tie **walnuts** to **gene expressions** related to breast cancer

Led by W. Elaine Hardman, PhD, a professor in the department of biomedical sciences, a Marshall University team revealed that consumption of two ounces of walnuts a day for about two weeks significantly changed gene expression in confirmed breast cancers. This pilot, two-arm clinical trial is the latest of a series of studies

at Marshall University related to dietary walnut links to tumor growth, survival and metastasis in breast cancer. The work is described in a March 10, 2019, paper published in the journal *Nutrition Research*.

Research reveals role of **fat storage cells** in anti-obesity intervention

New research from a team at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine establishes a role of adipocyte Na/K-ATPase signaling in worsening obesity and its companion diseases, including neurodegeneration and non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), that was enhanced by specific targeting of NaKtide, an antagonist of Na/K-ATPase signaling, to the adipocyte.

The results from this study at the School of Medicine demonstrate that the Na/K-ATPase oxidant amplification loop in adipocytes, or cells specialized for fat storage, when impaired, could cause adipocyte dysfunction, worsening obesity and potentially increasing the severity of related diseases.

The findings are published in the May 28, 2019, edition of *Scientific Reports*, an online journal from the publishers of *Nature*.

## Marshall joins clinical trial for late-stage fatty liver disease

A clinical trial, which is part of the ongoing Phase 3 AURORA study through Allergan, is being conducted to evaluate the efficacy and safety of the investigational drug for the treatment of liver fibrosis in adult patients 18 to 75 with Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis

(NASH). The approach evaluates the effectiveness of the investigational drug as compared to the placebo. Participants will attend regularly scheduled study visits with Marshall physicians for ongoing assessment.

Kim **awarded grants** to further obesity and diabetes research

Jung Han Kim, PhD, a professor in the departments of biomedical research and clinical and translational science at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, received a \$440,405 three-year R15 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to study genes causing diabetes by analyzing the interaction between genes and diet. She is also the recipient of a \$154,000 two-year grant from the American Heart Association for a study that tests links between genetic variants and obesity susceptibility. Kim's long-term research focuses on understanding the underlying causes of Type 2 diabetes, obesity and related conditions. The research findings will provide new potential targets for intervention and contribute to the prevention of the diseases.



Jung Han Kim, PhD

Spicy compound from chili peppers **slows lung cancer progression**

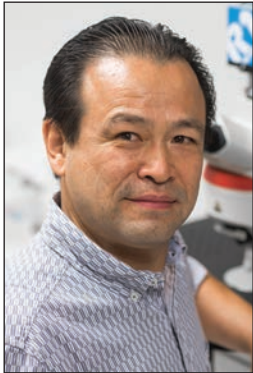
*Cell, animal studies show potential of capsaicin as lung cancer treatment*

A recent study shows that the compound responsible for chili peppers' heat could help slow the spread of lung cancer, the leading cause of cancer death for both men and women. Most cancer-related deaths occur when cancer spreads to distant sites, a process called metastasis.

"Lung cancer and other cancers commonly metastasize to secondary locations like the brain, liver or bone, making them difficult to treat," said Jamie Friedman, PhD, a 2019 School of Medicine graduate in Biomedical Research, who performed the research at Marshall School of Medicine. "Our study suggests that the natural compound capsaicin from chili peppers could represent a novel therapy to combat metastasis in lung cancer patients."

Friedman presented the research at the American Society for Investigative Pathology annual meeting during the 2019 Experimental Biology meeting April 6-9.

## Li receives NIH grant for thrombosis research



Wei Li, MD, PhD

Wei Li, MD, PhD, an associate professor in the department of biomedical sciences, received a \$434,461 three-year NIH Research Enhancement Award (R15). By using animal models and human platelets, Li's laboratory found that thymidine phosphorylase (TYMP), a platelet cytoplasmic protein, is necessary for platelet activation, aggregation and thrombosis. The goal of this grant is to look deeper into

those findings to determine the functional and mechanistic role of TYMP and clarify the detailed pathways that mediate TYMP enhanced platelet activation and thrombosis, and to establish pharmacological inhibition of TYMP as a novel and safe anti-thrombotic therapy.

## 20th anniversary of seminal cell biology discovery



Zijian Xie, PhD

Twenty years ago, Zijian Xie, PhD, director of the Marshall Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and professor in the department of biomedical sciences at the Marshall University School of Medicine, discovered the scaffolding/signaling function of the Na/K-ATPase sodium pump, a significant research finding that has had tremendous applications in both biology and medicine.

"Dr. Xie's seminal discovery 20 years ago launched a trail of additional research, further increasing our understanding of Na/K-ATPase signaling in clinical conditions ranging from cancer to obesity," said Joseph I. Shapiro, MD, dean of the School of Medicine.

In honor of Xie, the *International Journal of Molecular Sciences* published a special issue co-edited by Shapiro and V. Gustavo Blanco, MD, PhD, professor and chair of the department of molecular and integrative physiology at University of Kansas. Marshall's School of Medicine also hosted a two-day research symposium that brought together leading researchers from the field to discuss recent scientific pursuits investigating the now broad subject of Na/K-ATPase signaling.

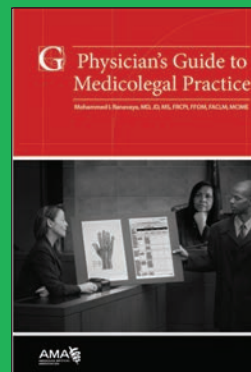
## Haden fund established to support Alzheimer's research

David E. Haden, a longtime supporter of Marshall and former board of governors member, has established an endowment to support ongoing Alzheimer's research at Marshall's School of Medicine. The fund honors the memory of his wife, Carolyn S. Haden, who passed away July 12, 2018. Haden said of his wife, "Through her long struggle with Alzheimer's, Carolyn retained her humor and sense of style."

## FACULTY BOOKS IN BRIEF

### "The Physician's Guide to Medicolegal Practice" by Mohammed Ranavaya, MD, JD

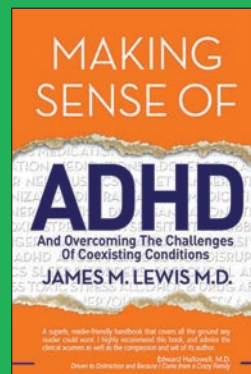
(American Medical Association, 2019)



Dr. Ranavaya, a board-certified specialist in occupational medicine and professor in the department of family and community health at Marshall School of Medicine, offers a practical guide for physicians intending to begin and grow a medicolegal practice, including independent medical examinations (IME) and expert witness and forensic opinion work.

### "Making Sense of ADHD and Overcoming the Challenges of Coexisting Conditions" by James M. Lewis, MD

(High Tide Press, 2018)



With 30+ years of experience treating children with ADHD, Dr. Lewis, a board-certified pediatrician and professor in the department of pediatrics, gives families a comprehensive strategy that takes into account the unique set of conditions that have been holding a child back.



**PEOPLE NEWS**

**Gary O. Rankin, PhD**

Rankin, a professor and vice dean for basic sciences at the School of Medicine, received the 2019 Career Award from the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) Division for Toxicology. Dr. Rankin was selected for the honor based on his mentorship and leadership in the field of toxicology and his exemplary service to ASPET, as well as in recognition of his long history of scholarship in the area of nephrotoxicity.

**Mina N. Shenouda, MD**

Shenouda, a hematology-oncology fellow at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, received a Conquer Cancer Merit Award from the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Foundation for a clinical trial study that found tart cherry reduces the musculo-skeletal effects of aromatase inhibitors in patients with non-metastatic breast cancer. Shenouda, who was first author on the study, and a team of researchers from

the School of Medicine, including professor Maria T. Tirona, MD, presented their findings on June 2, 2019, at the ASCO annual meeting in Chicago.

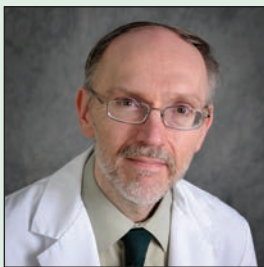
**Lawrence M. Wyner, MD**

Wyner was named the 2018 recipient of the American Urological Association’s Earl Nation Retrospectroscope Award, one of the professional organization’s most prestigious honors that celebrates the preservation of urologic history. Wyner, a board-certified urologic surgeon and professor in the department of urology at the Marshall School of Medicine, earned the award based on his presentation at the 2018 AUA annual meeting in San Francisco on the 2017 reappearance of a set of anatomical drawings related to a controversial 1950s-era prostate cancer study known as the Bowery Series. Wyner addressed the significance of the landmark study by urologist Perry B. Hudson, MD, that looked at whether early-stage prostate cancer could be effectively identified and cured.

**RETIREES**

*Since July 1, 2018, the School of Medicine announced the retirement of the following faculty members. Thank you for your dedication to our students, research and the practice of medicine.*

**Henry K. Driscoll, MD**



Professor  
Department of  
Internal Medicine

Dates of employment  
October 1, 1987  
~  
January 4, 2019

**Stephen J. Feaster, MD**



Associate Professor  
Department of Obstetrics  
& Gynecology

Dates of employment  
January 1, 2002  
~  
July 17, 2019

**Iralane “Pippa” M. Lambros, MD**



Assistant Professor  
Department of Pediatrics

Dates of employment  
January 1, 1998  
~  
June 27, 2019

**Shirley M. Neitch, MD**



Professor  
Department of  
Internal Medicine  
Maier Clinical Professor  
of Research

Dates of employment  
July 1, 1983  
~  
August 30, 2019





# THE *Less Traveled* ROAD

*C. Douglas Phillips, MD, FACR, paved his own way from rural West Virginia to the Big Apple. Now, he's helping aspiring doctors find their way, too.*

By Katherine Pyles

**T**he journey from rural West Virginia to the Ivy League at Cornell Medicine isn't one many make. But for neuroradiologist C. Douglas Phillips, MD, FACR, the road less traveled is a familiar path.

The 1984 Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine graduate grew up outside of Elkins, West Virginia, where his parents still reside today.

"When I was growing up in a very small town, a lot of people would explain where they lived in reference to what was just known as 'the overhead bridge,'" Phillips said. "I'd tell people, 'I live out the four-lane,' and they'd know exactly where I meant."

In the Phillips home, academic success was a priority. Neither of his parents attended college themselves, but they instilled in their children the value of higher education.





Inspired by his parents' selfless commitment to education, C. Douglas Phillips, MD, FACR, is helping aspiring physicians pursue dreams of their own.

Photo by Ashley Jones



“My parents were always accepting and encouraging, and they wanted me to do whatever was going to make me happy,” he said. “But they also taught me that no matter what you decide to do, you can be good at it. So I’ve always had the belief that no matter where I ended up, I’d be OK, as long as I worked hard and applied myself.”

That wisdom was put to the test soon after Phillips graduated high school. Years spent watching planes fly overhead at the rural airport near his home inspired Phillips to enter the military medical program at the Air Force Academy — a program that was canceled one year after Phillips enrolled.

Undeterred, he decided to apply at Marshall University.

“I sent in a letter with my application that said in short, ‘I am applying to Marshall because I want to go to your medical school,’” he recalled. “That was my goal from the start. Marshall’s medical school was new and energetic and fresh. It just seemed like a great thing to be a part of.”

Phillips was accepted as an undergraduate student in 1978. He completed his coursework in only three years, graduating in 1981 with a Regents Bachelor of Arts while simultaneously attending his first year of medical school.



Phillips with Dr. Joseph Shapiro (left), dean, and Dr. Charles McKown (right), former dean, when he received the School of Medicine's distinguished alumnus award in 2014

“Marshall was exactly what I thought it would be,” he said. “I loved it. It was the kind of place where you didn’t want to go home on holiday weekends because you were having too much fun. I did interview at other medical schools, but no other place excited me like Marshall did. When I got accepted to Marshall’s medical school, that was that. I was done looking.”

Under the tutelage of professors like Dr. Pat Brown and Dr. Charles McKown, Phillips said his education at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine was equal parts

challenging and rewarding.

“I’ve always liked puzzles, and I like trying to figure things out,” he said. “As a medical student, I shadowed Dr. McKown in radiology one morning, and it was like an epiphany. It was that feeling: ‘Oh, this is it.’ Looking at the images and solving those puzzles just seemed so intuitive to me.”

Phillips completed a residency in diagnostic radiology and a fellowship in neuroradiology at the University of Virginia and stayed on staff there for 20 years. Then, he joined the faculty at Weill Cornell Medical College and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital in New York

City, where he currently sees patients, conducts research and teaches residents and fellows. He has served as president of the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology, as well as on numerous other committees in national and international organizations in the field of neuroradiology. It’s been a whirlwind of success that on paper may seem dizzying — but to Phillips, it’s been a straightforward path to exactly where he was meant to be.

“The way I was brought up by my parents was to set a goal, then narrow your field of view and drive forward head down until you reach that goal,” he said. “You don’t veer to the left or right. You have that goal and push towards it.”



Phillips on a lecture tour in Thailand





Phillips with wife Dr. Deborah Shatzkes hiking in Elkins, West Virginia

Today, Phillips is helping aspiring physicians from his home state push toward goals of their own. In 2015 he established the C. Douglas Phillips, MD, FACR, Scholarship to assist medical students from Randolph and surrounding counties with educational expenses. He created the scholarship to honor his parents, Angelia and Clifford Phillips, as well as his wife, neuroradiologist Dr. Deborah Shatzkes, and children, Caitlin and Kiel.

“The ability to succeed is within everyone,” he said. “To be able to help somebody succeed from the area of the state I grew up in — that’s just the best feeling in the world.”

He said his parents’ selfless commitment to education continues to inspire him today, and the advice he received as a child is what he passes along to future physicians now: “You can succeed if you apply yourself. It’s going to require work. Sometimes, it’s going to require a lot of work. And that’s OK.”

In his spare time, Phillips enjoys traveling with his wife and exploring New York. He does have a private pilot license, but the flying bug strikes less often these days. The hills of West Virginia will always be home, he said.

“You have to experience it to understand it,” Phillips

said. “I’m pleased to see that West Virginia is beginning to get the credit it deserves. West Virginia is scenic beauty; it’s things to do; it’s places to enjoy and experience. It’s just amazing.”

He said visiting the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine is always a highlight of returning home.

“Great things are happening at the medical school, and the facilities are really spectacular,” he said. “The wonderful thing to me is that, while the school has evolved, it has retained the same appreciation for people that it has always had. People really matter there.”

He said giving back to the school that helped him pursue his own dreams by assisting future doctors in pursuing theirs has been especially rewarding.

“I think everybody would like to create some kind of legacy or leave something behind that’s meaningful, and I can’t think of anything more meaningful than education,” he said.

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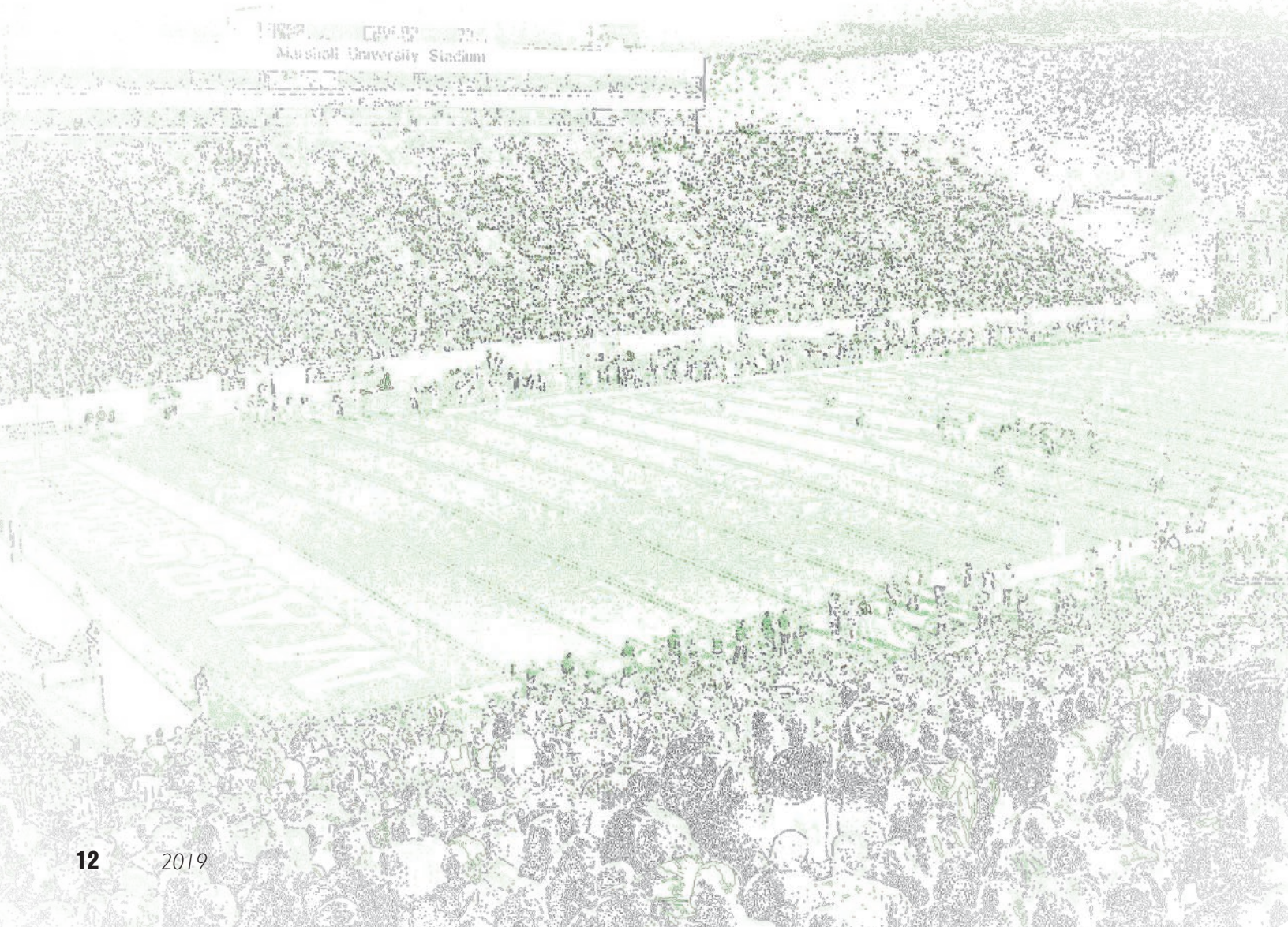
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# *A Head* START

*When it comes to the rigors of medical school, former student-athletes are better prepared than most.*

By Shane Arrington & Jack Houvouras





Cindy Warren was there when the first student entered the Marshall University School of Medicine in January 1978. In that time, she's seen countless wide-eyed students begin their medical careers and leave as professionals ready to practice their craft. In her more than 40 years of service to the medical school, there's a trend she said holds true today just as strongly as it did when she helped welcome members of the school's first class.

"Without a doubt, former athletes come into medical school a step ahead of the average undergraduate student," she said. "By the time they get here, they've been forced to become excellent time managers in ways most simply don't have to. Not only do they have the same difficult science classes, but they also have to balance those classes along with practice and maintaining the physical fitness necessary to participate in their respective sports. By medical school, they have developed a level of discipline and independent thinking."

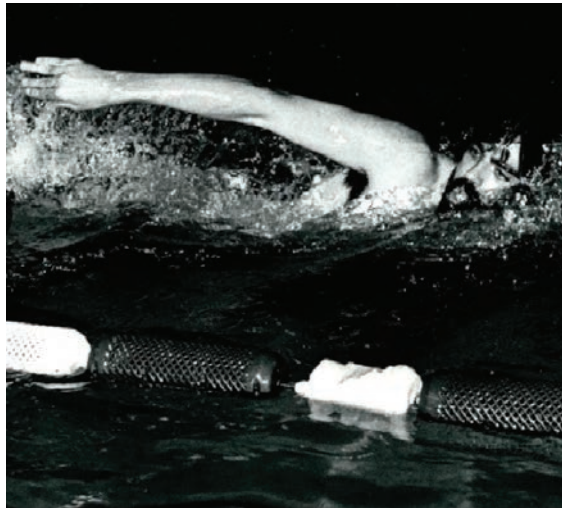
Warren made sure to point out she's not saying student-athletes in general are superior medical students as opposed to those who didn't participate in sports but rather believes they are conditioned earlier than most to balance a rigorous academic load with a demanding outside-the-classroom schedule.

"I would definitely agree with that," noted Mark Sheridan, MD ('87), an ENT-otolaryngologist and former Herd swimmer. "Being a distance swimmer helped me tolerate the long hours of the operating room. When you're in a long race it's all about focus and strategy. Surgery is the same way."

"I didn't think about it at the time — the impact being a student-athlete had on me as a physician," said Sheridan, who was inducted into the Marshall University Hall of Fame in September. "It's one of those subconscious things you maybe take a bit for granted until you get a little gray in the hair."

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Dr. Mark Sheridan was a distance swimmer for the Herd.

In addition to the excellent time management skills, stamina and focus gained from balancing academics and athletics, there are two more skill sets student-athletes gain that are invaluable as a medical student — teamwork and leadership.

Ally Kiecover, a second-year medical student and former Herd volleyball player, said she feels those two things, especially teamwork, are more important now in the medical field than ever before.

"You can't just stereotype people of course, but I would say my peers who were athletes as undergrads understand how to work in a group setting," said Kiecover. "Being in the hospital isn't all that different than being on a team. You have different personalities, different backgrounds all working together under the guidance of coaches to reach a certain goal. Here in the hospital, the attendings are our coaches. It really is the same thing."

For Kevin Smith, MD ('86), playing football for the Thundering Herd laid the foundation for his future success.

"Sports taught me values, toughness, leadership, perseverance and structure," said Smith, who played cornerback and free safety for Marshall in the late 1970s. "But most importantly, it taught me discipline."





Ally Kiekoover serving during a volleyball match

“Being in the hospital isn’t all that different than being on a team.”

— Ally Kiekoover,  
second-year  
medical student





Dr. Kevin Smith went from playing football for the Herd to being a board-certified anesthesiologist.

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Today, Smith works as a board-certified anesthesiologist in San Diego, California, where he has practiced medicine for the last 28 years. That’s a world away from his hometown of Logan, West Virginia.

“You know, my years at Marshall playing sports and earning a medical degree have taken me a long way.”

Another anesthesiologist who understands the challenges of being a student-athlete is Brittany Adams Beymer, MD (’11). The Huntington native earned a golf scholarship in 2002 to The Ohio State University, where she majored in biology.

“Being a student-athlete was a challenge, especially being a biology major. It was difficult to schedule all the science lab time with a travel schedule to various tournaments,” said Beymer, who today practices medicine in Huntington. “I had to be extremely organized and diligent to keep my grades up while competing.”

Beymer noted that one of her proudest achievements at Ohio State was being named a National Scholastic All-American.

“It was hard work, but I believe my organizational and multitasking skills in college truly helped me succeed in medical school.”

As all student-athletes know, the amount of work

that goes into competing at a high level demands so much time and energy that it’s nearly impossible to keep all the balls in the air. And yet somehow, most manage to do just that.

While being a student-athlete is by no means a requirement for being a successful student or doctor, it certainly doesn’t hurt. The time management skills, the ability to work or study with little sleep, functioning under great stress and understanding the importance of teamwork allow them to bring a lot to the table from day one. Most go on to find success in their field of study and, what’s more, become proud ambassadors of Marshall University’s Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

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# *Shaping the* **WHOLE STUDENT**

*Various initiatives show Marshall's commitment to student wellness.*

By Kasey Stevens







Medical students celebrate the dedication of the Wellness Center. From left: Shealyn Shafer, Garrett Muckleroy, Ava Tennant, John Castillo, Tori Beth Leader.

There's no doubt about it, medical school is hard, demanding, stressful work. For most students, it is the greatest academic challenge they will ever face. The academic rigor coupled with tough schedules, exams and sleep deprivation while attempting to balance a healthy lifestyle can be trying. With that kind of pressure comes the need to learn how to manage self-care and stress in a positive way.

According to the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), medical students are three times more likely to commit suicide than the rest of the general population in their age range. Recognizing this, the Marshall University School of Medicine has implemented a number of initiatives to help students succeed and remain as healthy as possible throughout their medical school journey. The art of self-care shapes a lifestyle that helps students improve their physical, mental and emotional health.

Amy Smith, associate dean for student affairs, said the medical school takes a holistic approach to student health, starting from the first day of orientation through graduation.

"Wellness is one of our top priorities for our students," Smith explained. "We utilize the 'Wellness Wheel' approach that addresses the emotional, intellectual, physical, social, environmental, financial and spiritual health of each student."

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The medical school achieves this by offering a plethora of options to assist students in these areas.

On the physical side, students can choose from access to the Marshall University Recreation Center, intramural soccer, basketball, yoga classes, disc golf and much more.

For mental health, the school has an onsite mindfulness coach, learning specialist, access to massage therapy and 10 free counseling sessions per semester.

There are cooking classes, 5K runs, opportunities to volunteer with other students to speak at local elementary schools about the benefits of diet and exercise, outreach programs to give back to the community and more. There's even a wellness committee run by medical students that works to provide strategic opportunities for wellness and activities on the Wellness Wheel.

"Our approach to student wellness is holistic in nature and aims to treat the whole person," Smith explained.

As part of that goal, in April 2019 the medical school opened the Linda

S. Holmes Student Wellness Center located on Hal Greer Boulevard across from the Marshall University Medical Center and Cabell Huntington Hospital. The new center boasts 4,200 square feet and includes study rooms, group meeting space and a large gathering room, as well as the school's student affairs and financial aid offices. Smith said the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME),

## A FAMILY OF CHANGEMAKERS



Dr. Makenzie Hatfield Kresch ('18) with her father Dr. R. Mark Hatfield ('83) and son Marcus "Shark" Kresch

Dr. Mark and Mrs. Monica Hatfield have long been loyal supporters of the School of Medicine — from Mark's role as class president, to student scholarship support, to rallying the involvement of others. They are always there to answer the call as difference makers.

When the school reached out about a need to develop a wellness center and additional student-centered study space, the Hatfields didn't hesitate to get behind the project.

"Simply put, we would not be where we are today if it had not been for Marshall. In retrospect, it was a phenomenal experience being in one of the early classes," Mark said. "That is why it is important for us to help these future physicians in any manner that we are able."

Mark retired earlier this year as administrative chair of the department of ophthalmology at the Marshall School of Medicine, a role he served in since 2014. He is also the founder of Retina Consultants, which has five locations in West Virginia. Monica served in many leadership roles at Marshall University and the School of Medicine. She now enjoys her favorite role of grandmother.



Dr. Mark Hatfield, Monica Hatfield, Linda Holmes and Dean Joe Shapiro unveiled the permanent plaque at the dedication.

the medical school's accrediting body, requires medical schools to provide adequate study and relaxation space for students.

"It's very easy for students to experience mental and physical fatigue," Smith said. "It's important to give them an area to relax where they don't have feelings of guilt for walking away from their studies."

Sydney Graham is a third-year medical student from Atlanta, Georgia, and first used the facility when studying for the Step 1 exam.

"The building is incredibly accessible and provides ample space to set up shop for the long study days," Graham said. "The individual study rooms are quiet and have all of the desk space that you need to comfortably study."

Smith said that while the building does focus on student health, it also functions as a way to build community among the students.

"Some of the students don't have family in the area, they don't have a community, so it's a good place for them to come together and get to know each other," Smith said.

Third-year student Dominic Thomas from Baltimore, Maryland, agrees.

"The makeup of the building allows students to share ideas, strategies and resources that strengthen the medical school as a whole," Thomas said.

Students can also come to the center to decompress — including shooting pool, watching a movie or playing board games.

The center would not have been possible without the generosity of donors Mark Hatfield, MD, OD, class of 1983, and his wife, Monica J.W. Hatfield. The Hatfields' son-in-law, Jeremy Cumberledge ('12), and youngest daughter, Makenzie Hatfield Kresch ('18), also both graduated from Marshall's School of Medicine.

"We are passionate about helping future graduates," said Monica Hatfield. "This facility will help fulfill that mission while honoring our friend, Linda Holmes."

Holmes has served the School of Medicine as the director of development and alumni affairs for more than 20 years.

"Almost daily during my second year of medical school I went to the gym at 6 a.m., and just about every day I saw Linda Holmes," Thomas said. "She always greeted me with a smile. I can't think of a better person to embody physical and mental well-being than her."

It's clear that the medical school takes student wellness very seriously, and that is something officials say will never change.

"We will always endeavor to care for the health of the whole student," Smith asserted. "Medical education is so intense, and it's our job to help each student as much as possible."

*Kasey Stevens is a freelance writer in Huntington.*





Dear fellow alumni & friends,

One of the things I've enjoyed most about my journey in medicine are the people I've had the privilege of meeting along the way.

A handful of my medical school classmates have become lifelong friends, and my professors have become mentors. This journey has meant so much more to me than a career; it helped me build a life and find "my village" — all those who support me personally and professionally. It has been the supporters who believed in the

mission of the medical school who have allowed this journey to occur not just for me, but for every medical student who walks through the door at the Marshall School of Medicine.

During my time as president of your alumni association, I have had the wonderful opportunity to meet many of you who have shared the same love and experiences I have had as a graduate. We had an instant connection and were quick to share stories about our time at Marshall. I value that as alumni, we can create new opportunities for Marshall's medical students far and above our own experiences.

For me, I choose to devote time and resources to serve on the alumni association board so I can give back to the school that provided me an excellent medical education and allowed me to fulfill my dream of becoming a physician, while encouraging alumni and friends to be a part of making the school bigger and better.

During my second and final year as president, my hope is that the remaining four classes will endow their class scholarships. We're so close. If every member of the classes of 1995, 2003, 2005 and 2015 gives a gift of their choice, we will reach our goal this year.

My challenge for the remainder of this year is for you to find one new way to give back to your alma mater and pay it forward for the next generation of physicians.

Kind regards,

Krista L. Denning, MD  
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# 2018-2019 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

*Each year, the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Alumni Association has the distinct pleasure of honoring two very special individuals.*

## 2019 FACULTY CHOICE Award

This special honor is presented to the most outstanding fourth-year medical student as selected by the faculty.

### *Emily M. Wright, MD*

Emily M. Wright, MD, is a Beckley, West Virginia,



Director of Development & Alumni Affairs Linda S. Holmes presents the 2019 Faculty Choice Award to Emily M. Wright, MD.

native, who found a passion for medicine and neurology after her father was diagnosed with a brain tumor. A natural leader, Wright served as vice president of her class and Marshall Medical Outreach coordinator during her time

in medical school.

She earned a number of accolades as she completed her fourth year of medical school, including the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, Honors in Community Service Award and Department of Neurology Student of the Year. She is also a member of Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society and Gold Humanism Honor Society. Wright was one of four to receive the Bertha & Lake Polan Award for a perfect grade point average during medical school.

Following her neurology residency at the University of Cincinnati, Wright plans to pursue a fellowship in neurocritical care.

## 2019 HONORARY ALUMNUS Award

This special honor is presented annually at the investiture ceremony to the individual who is not a graduate of the School of Medicine but has most exemplified distinguished service to our school and/or the medical community we serve.

### *Gary G. White*

A lifelong West Virginian from southern West Virginia, Gary White is an accomplished businessman, community leader and Son of Marshall.



Gary G. White

He served as a coal mining executive for Blackhawk Mining and James River Coal Company. He has also led International Resource Partners, International Industries and the West Virginia Coal Association as president and CEO. In 2003, he was inducted into Marshall University's Lewis College of Business Hall of Fame. In 2006, he received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the West Virginia Education Alliance. He was named one of the "50 Most Influential Individuals in West Virginia" by *West Virginia Executive* in 2006 and 2008.

In 2015, following the sudden death of Marshall University President Dr. Stephen Kopp, White stepped in to serve as interim president for a year while the university conducted a national search. Following the hire of President Gilbert in 2016, then-Governor Earl Ray Tomblin twice appointed White to the Marshall University Board of Governors, on which he continues to serve. He also works to continue the legacy of Buck and June Harless as chairman of the James H. Harless Foundation.

White has volunteered his time and talents countless times for the betterment of Marshall University and the School of Medicine. For the past year, our honoree graciously agreed to lead, as interim CEO, the launch of Mountain Health Network, the newly formed health system in Huntington that includes our primary teaching hospitals — Cabell Huntington Hospital and St. Mary's Medical Center. This was a Herculean task that he met with his usual can-do attitude, his dogged tenacity and his wealth of contacts.

White was recognized for the expertise and direction he has provided to our university community in these important leadership positions.



# 2019 Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine PHILANTHROPY REPORT

On behalf of the entire Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine family, we want to personally thank you for your generosity and support of our mission of educating future physicians. We are truly grateful you have chosen to include the School of Medicine in your personal philanthropy and hope you will continue to do so in the future. The Development Office has seen the long-lasting results of philanthropic support from alumni and friends through the years. Your continued generosity creates limitless possibilities for the future of the School of Medicine. The following donors made gifts from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

As we move to a new fiscal year, the Marshall University Foundation's board of directors approved the new \$25,000 minimum to endow a scholarship. This is a long overdue increase which will provide more much-needed scholarships for our medical students.

With appreciation,



Linda S. Holmes  
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Tsailing Wang, MD

**CLASS OF 1990**

(37 members, 22% participation)  
Jan A. Barr, MD  
R. Todd Chambers, MD  
Terry S. Hummer, MD  
John D. Roth, MD  
Daniel W. Russell, MD  
W. Mitchel Shaver, MD  
Siraj U. Siddiqi, MD  
Bernie M. Simons, MD

**CLASS OF 1989**

(38 members, 3 deceased, 20% participation)  
Michael G. Douglas, MD  
Karen E. Clark Gerbo, MD  
Michael W. Gibbs, MD  
Sandra K. Marshall, MD  
Trudi L. Rash, MD  
Debra J. Stultz, MD  
William N. White II, MD

**CLASS OF 1988**

(42 members, 17% participation)  
M. Wayne Bosserman, MD  
Carolyn A. Cline, MD  
Joan A. Lynch, MD  
James M. Mears, MD  
James F. O'Neal, MD  
Mitsuko P. Shannon, MD  
Sheryl L. Stephens, MD

**CLASS OF 1987**

(40 members, 28% participation)  
Darin K. Bowers, MD  
Nancy B. Graham, MD  
Darlene Y. Gruetter, MD  
Christopher E. Hayner, MD  
James T. Holbrook, MD  
Allen B. Joseph, MD  
Manuel E. Molina, MD  
Yaacov R. Pushkin, MD  
Mark F. Sheridan, MD  
Gary R. Youmans, MD  
Jeanne M. Zekan, MD

**CLASS OF 1986**

(46 members, 3 deceased, 28% participation)  
Elaine L. Flanders, MD  
John A. Hoffman, MD  
Eric W. Janssen, MD  
Joan M. Lebow, MD  
Kathleen M. O'Hanlon, MD  
David S. Parks, MD  
Patricia A. Schindzielorz, MD  
Donna J. Slayton, MD  
Elizabeth L. Spangler, MD  
Kevin S. Smith, MD

Elaine M. Young, MD  
Larry W. Watson, MD

**CLASS OF 1985**

(34 members, 2 deceased, 34% participation)  
Simon K. Chang, MD  
Cheryl L. Cook, MD  
F. Mark Goodwin, MD  
Scot D. Hines, MD  
Lea Ann Moricle, MD  
Michael J. Nerenberg, MD  
David S. Nunley, MD  
Andrew H. Schindzielorz, MD  
Terry G. Pritt, MD  
Geno V. Romano, MD  
Kevin J. Willis, MD

**CLASS OF 1984**

(36 members, 5 deceased, 26% participation)  
Timothy D. Canterbury, MD  
Donna R. Gates, MD  
Robert A. Hess, MD  
Kathleen E. Lucas, MD  
C. Douglas Phillips, MD  
Ezra B. Riber, MD  
Susan A. Terry, MD  
Donnah S. Wolodkin Whitaker, MD

**CLASS OF 1983**

(36 members, 1 deceased, 34% participation)  
Lou G. Bartram, MD  
Gerald G. Blackwell, MD  
Craig L. Bookout, MD  
Samuel R. Davis, MD  
Ronald W. DeAndrade, MD  
W. Douglas Given, MD  
Bijan J. Goodarzi, MD  
R. Mark Hatfield, MD  
Reginald J. McClung, MD  
Daniel B. Ray, MD  
Hobart K. Richey, MD  
William S. Sheils Jr., MD

**CLASS OF 1982**

(23 members, 2 deceased, 38% participation)  
John G. Boswell, MD  
Joseph E. Evans, MD  
Rose Anne Goodwin, MD  
Kim M. Jordan, MD  
Gretchen E. Oley, MD  
Ron D. Stollings, MD  
Thomas B. Styer, MD  
Curtis A. Winter, MD

**CLASS OF 1981**

(18 members, 2 deceased, 31% participation)  
C. Dwight Groves, MD  
Douglas C. McCorkle, MD  
Brenda C. Smith, MD  
Stephen C. Smith, MD  
Keith H. Wharton, MD

*Of the 1,740 School of Medicine living graduates representing the classes of 1981-2017, there were 271 donors for an overall participation of 16%.*

# Giving OPPORTUNITIES

Generous alumni and friends who support the mission of the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine make the education, training and research we do possible. As Marshall University embarks on a new capital campaign, Marshall Rises, your support will help take scholarship and research at the School of Medicine to the next level.

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Scholarships	\$25,000 and up	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$1,000
Programs/initiatives	\$25,000 and up	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$2,000
Named professorship	\$500,000 and up	\$500,000	\$100,000	\$20,000
Distinguished chair	\$1,000,000 and up	\$1,000,000	\$200,000	\$40,000
Naming opportunities	\$5,000,000 and up	\$5,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$200,000

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# 2019 School of Medicine SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN

Listed in alphabetical order are new scholarships created to benefit the School of Medicine during the past year. Academic and need-based scholarships ensure that Marshall attracts the most promising students from West Virginia and all corners of the country.

## Albert Emmitt Allie Scholarship

Logan, West Virginia, native David E. Allie, MD, established an endowed scholarship for first-year medical students, with first preference given to a student from Logan County and second preference to a West Virginia resident.

Although he has been practicing in Louisiana for most of his 30-year career, Allie remains closely tied to his West Virginia roots. Allie graduated from Marshall University, where he was a member of the Thundering Herd baseball team. He went on to earn his medical degree from West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia, and is a successful cardiovascular and endovascular surgeon at Louisiana Cardiovascular and Limb Salvage Center in Lafayette, Louisiana, which he founded in 2009. Allie established the scholarship in honor of his father, Albert Emmitt Allie.



Dr. David Allie (right) with his father, Albert Allie, and son, Adam Allie

## Drs. Glenn M. & Jennifer A. Brammer Scholarship

Class of 2004 graduates Drs. Glenn M. and Jennifer A. Brammer established an endowed scholarship for first-year medical students who are first-generation college and medical students from West Virginia, with first preference given to Logan County, West Virginia, residents. Glenn is a native of West Logan. He completed an internal residency at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville followed by cardiology and clinical cardiac electrophysiology fellowships at Wake Forest University. He is a board-certified cardiologist and electrophysiologist with August Health Cardiology in

Fisherville, Virginia. Jennifer is from Prosperity, West Virginia, and completed her family medicine residency at the University of Virginia.



The Brammer family

## Class of 2021 Scholarship

The School of Medicine Class of 2021 established a scholarship in memory of Laura L. Richardson, PhD, associate professor of biomedical sciences, assistant dean of academic affairs and director of preclinical education, as “an enduring symbol of their respect, fondness and appreciation of her leadership, support and dedication to the School of Medicine and its students” from 2005 until her death on May 18, 2018. The scholarship is designated for first-year medical students with financial need.

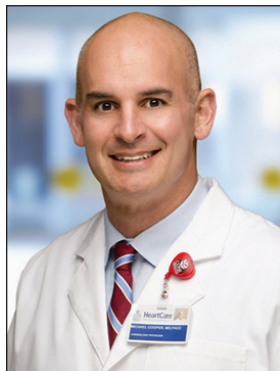


The Class of 2021 became only the second class to endow a scholarship while still in medical school.

**Closing in on 100%** The classes of 1995, 2003, 2005 and 2015 are oh-so-close to reaching \$15,000 and endowing their scholarships. Give online now to support your class scholarship at <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/marshalljesom>.

**Dr. Michael D. & Kari A. Cooper Scholarship**

Michael D. Cooper, MD ('00), endowed a scholarship in honor of Paulette S. Wehner, MD ('89), his teacher and mentor who was instrumental in his decision to become a cardiologist. Cooper, a Charleston, West Virginia, native, completed an internal medicine residency at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida, followed by a cardiology fellowship at The Ohio State University. His wife, Kari Cooper, is from Parkersburg, West Virginia, and is a graduate of West Virginia University and a law school graduate of Capital University. Cooper is practicing with the Cone Health Medical Group in Greensboro, North Carolina. The scholarship is designated for first-year medical students with first preference given to West Virginia residents.



Dr. Michael Cooper

**Given Family Scholarship**

A rural physician and alumnus, W. Douglas Given, MD ('83), and his wife, Mary, have established an endowed scholarship in memory of Doug's parents, William Henry and Marjorie A. Given, to assist aspiring physicians from central West Virginia. A lifelong West Virginian and native of Strange Creek in Braxton County, Given practiced as a family medicine physician in Braxton County from 1986 until 2015, when he joined Braxton County Memorial Hospital. The couple's daughter, Laura M. Given, MD, also earned her medical degree from the Marshall School of Medicine in 2017 and is now completing her family medicine residency at Marshall.



Dr. Doug & Mrs. Mary Given

**Goode Family Scholarship**

Christopher S. Goode, MD ('02), along with his wife, Kristi, and mother, Barbara, have endowed a scholarship for first-year medical students, with first preference given to a student who graduated from Riverside High School in Kanawha County, West Virginia. Second preference will be given to a student who graduated from high school in Harrison County, West Virginia; third preference will be given to a student who graduated from any other high school in West Virginia who would be a first-generation physician; and fourth preference will be given to a student who graduated from high school in West Virginia. Goode grew up in Chelyan, West Virginia, just outside of Charleston, and graduated from East Bank High School. He earned his bachelor's degree from West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia. He returned to Morgantown for an emergency medicine residency after earning his Doctor of Medicine at Marshall. Goode currently serves as chairman of the department of emergency medicine at the West Virginia University School of Medicine and assistant vice president for emergency medicine for WVU Medicine.



Dr. Christopher & Kristi Goode



Dr. Christopher Goode (center) with his parents Barbara and the late Gerald Goode



**Elias G. Haikal, MD, Scholarship**

Huntington radiologist and School of Medicine alumnus Lee C. Haikal, MD ('94), established an endowed scholarship for medical students that honors both the life and legacy of his father, Elias G. Haikal, MD, who passed away in 2016. Dr. Elias Haikal was born in 1947 in Lebanon and immigrated to the U.S. at the age of 16. He earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia and went on to practice family medicine in South Carolina before returning to Nitro,



Dr. Elias Haikal

West Virginia, in 1977 to build his own practice and raise his family. Haikal participated in the early days of the School of Medicine by allowing students to rotate in his clinic. Over the past 40 years, many of the extended Haikal family, including the Istfan, Ghareeb, Gharib, Hanna and Hourani families, have graduated from the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. This scholarship is designated for entering first-year medical students with both merit and financial need, and first preference is given to West Virginia residents.

**E. Pauline Harrell Memorial Scholarship**

Tamara D. Huffman established an endowed scholarship in memory of her mother, E. Pauline Harrell. Harrell was a native West Virginian born April 25, 1923, in Beckley, where she lived until her death on Feb. 19, 2015. At the age of 7, she was charged with the care of her younger brother. From that point, she dedicated her life to nurturing children. She was a homemaker who cared for her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and two great-nephews during their childhood. This one-time award is designated for a rising fourth-year medical



Tamara D. Huffman (left) and husband B. Keith Huffman, pictured with Linda Holmes

student with demonstrated academic achievement who is pursuing a career in pediatrics.

**Mears Family Scholarship**

James M. "Jim" Mears, MD ('88), and his wife, Sherri, have established an endowed scholarship to help future medical students from Putnam County, West Virginia. The Mears Family Scholarship is designated for first-year medical students, with first preference given to a student from Putnam County, West Virginia, and second preference given to a student from Cabell or Wayne counties in West Virginia. The award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.



Dr. James M. Mears

A Cabell County, West Virginia, native, Mears graduated with his medical degree from Marshall University in 1988. He completed his residency in family medicine at Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC) in Charleston, West Virginia, followed by a palliative care fellowship at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Mears has practiced in Charleston for more than 28 years. He is a faculty member with West Virginia University and practices at CAMC, specializing in family medicine and palliative medicine, and is the medical director of the Palliative Care Division.

**Dr. Gretchen Oley Family Scholarship**

After devoting her more than 25-year career to Marshall's School of Medicine, alumna and longtime faculty member Gretchen E. Oley, MD ('82), and her husband, Steve, established an endowed scholarship to help future West Virginia students who exhibit excellence in scholarship and demonstrate financial need.



Dr. Gretchen Oley & Steve Oley

After graduating with her Doctor of Medicine from Marshall as a member of the school's second graduating class, Oley made her home and career in Huntington, completing her internal medicine residency at Marshall before joining the School of Medicine faculty in 1985. She served as a professor of internal medicine and the senior associate dean for clinical affairs before becoming professor emeritus in 2009. The Oleys now reside in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

**Garee and Mary Ransbottom Scholarship**

Shayne M. Gue, MD ('15), a Huntington native and Marshall School of Medicine alumnus, has established an endowed scholarship in honor of his grandparents, Garee and Mary Ransbottom.

“They’ve played such an integral part in my entire medical education and in every aspect of my life,” Gue said. “This scholarship will go to benefit future medical students in honor of the sacrifice and support they gave so willingly.”

Gue is a full-time emergency medicine physician at AdventHealth East Orlando and serves a part of the clinical faculty for its emergency medicine residency program. This renewable scholarship is designated for first-year medical students, with first preference given to a student from Cabell County, West Virginia, and second preference to a West Virginia resident.



Dr. Shayne Gue (center) pictured with his grandparents, Garee and Mary Ransbottom, at his residency graduation

**Dr. Hassan Vaziri Memorial Scholarship**

Marshall University graduate Dr. Shirine Tabatabai Mafi and Shahrokh Mafi established a scholarship in honor of Dr. Mafi’s uncle, Hassan Vaziri, MD. Vaziri immigrated from Iran for his residencies, first in New York City and then in Cleveland, Ohio. Upon completion of his residency program at Mt. Sinai, he joined the staff at Morris Memorial Hospital for Crippled Children in Milton, West Virginia. Vaziri then moved his family to Huntington to establish an orthopaedic surgery practice. The scholarship will benefit first-year medical students with financial need.



Dr. Hassan Vaziri



Dr. Larry Watson (right) and wife Bridget with their son, Christopher, a medical student at Marshall

**Watson Family Scholarship**


Huntington native and former Marshall University basketball player Larry W. Watson, MD ('86), and his wife, Bridget, have established an endowed scholarship designated for first-year medical students, with first preference given to a student from Cabell County, West Virginia, second preference to a student from Franklin County, Ohio, and third preference for any West Virginia resident. Watson practices as an orthopedic sports medicine surgeon in Columbus, Ohio. He has served as team physician for multiple professional, college, high school and club athletic organizations. He currently serves as team orthopedic surgeon for the Columbus Blue Jackets, a professional ice hockey team. He has been repeatedly voted best orthopedic surgeon and top sports orthopedist in Central Ohio.

**Dr. Elizabeth A. Dovec Expendable Scholarship**

Bariatric surgeon Elizabeth A. “Betsy” Dovec, MD ('07), and her husband, P. Aaron Wik, established an expendable scholarship to empower women choosing a career in surgery, a predominantly male field. The one-time scholarship award is designated for a medical student who has matched into a surgery residency, with first preference given to general surgery and second preference to a surgical specialty.



Dr. Betsy Dovec with husband Aaron and their three children


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# 2018-2019 School of Medicine SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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## JOAN C. EDWARDS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

### Class of 2019

Jonathan Acra; Christian Adams; Leesah Al-qawasmi; Shirin Azadi; Christopher Blackwell; Neil Blanchard; Andrew Blanco; Heath Blankenship; Matthew Bruner; Harold Burke; Kristie Burks; Christopher Burrell; Anthony Cantrell; Erin Casey; Taylor Cater; Harley Davis; Travis Dinsmore; Adee Elhamdani; Erin Fankhanel; Tyler Farley; Brett Floyd; Jared Galloway; Justin Gandee; Adam Golembioski; Miles Gray; Fadi Hanna; Benjamin Jude; Amanda Krauss; Joshua Leonard; Christopher Lipinski; Dylan Maldonado; Rachel Marteney; Richard Nguyen; Ellen Petryna; Julia Preusch; Aeesha Ranavaya; Samantha Richardson; Matthew Riley; Lindsay Robinson; Trevor Roston; Steven Sagun; Karl Shaver; Kyle Smith; Wesley Urian; Brian Warner; Aaron Whiteman; Emily Wright; Kristin Yasuda

### Class of 2020

Anthony Abadir; Jameson Akins; Jasmyn Atalla; Christopher Atkins; Rebecca Barnes; Lloyd Border; Gabriella Casinelli; Fadi Chanaa; Evan Childers; Anne DeFruscio; Seth Deskins; Iman Ferdjallah; James Gainer; Jonathan Hanson; Cierra Hardt; Andrea Hart; Allison Hines; Haleigh Jeffrey; Jordan Kahle; Caleb Lee; Stephanie Lipscomb; Dakota May; Marjorie

McCoy; Steven McHenry; Tyler Miller; Shane Musick; Sang Hyun Park; Julia Poe; Jordan Preston; Luke Prudich; Zachary Robateau; Cameron Ross; Alexander Schlarb; Preeya Shah; Eric Sias; Joseph Simmons; Tyler Skidmore; Lauren Smaltz; Reagan Stafford; Dakota Stevenson; Jordan Tate; Benjamin Williams; Jonathan Winalski; Brandon Wright; Wesley Wright; Ian Yahnke

### Class of 2021

Timothy Adkins; Halley Alberts; Meghan Anderson; Mercy Babatope; David Bartlett; Heather Bucur; Meagen Carter; Amanda Clark; Carly Clark; Ryan Cooper; Madison Crank; Hannah Datz; Edward Gardner; Samuel Kaplan; Shefali Khanna; Jesse Lewis; Jett MacPherson; Colin McCorkle; Richard Miller; Ibrahim Mohammed; Cecilia Nease; Mohammed Ranavaya II; Jonathan Ray; Drake Securro; Landon Thompson; Rachel Wargacki; Cathryn Williams; Rebecca Wingfield; Amber Wright

### Class of 2022

Andrew Cottrill; Mason Dial; Wai Fung Hau; Kenneth Humphrey; Kaustav Mukherjee; Charity Powers; Hannah Ray; Dana Sharma; Amrita Valluri

## JAMES F. & JOAN C. EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

### Class of 2019

Maggie Blackwood  
William Daly  
Erin Fankhanel  
Tyler Farley  
Zachary Johnson  
Mark Shoukry

### Class of 2020

Christopher Atkins  
Lucas Bolyard  
Donald Gygi  
Haleigh Jeffrey

### Class of 2021

Halley Alberts  
Hannah Asebes  
Heather Bucur  
Kevin Clark  
Timothy Kocher  
Cecilia Nease  
Scott Thiesfeldt  
Dylan Weaver  
Rebecca Wingfield  
Amber Wright

### Class of 2022

Joel Canner  
John Castillo  
Mason Dial  
Peter Januszkiewicz  
Richard Mensah

## CLASS OF 2019

RECIPIENTS	SCHOLARSHIP(S)	RECIPIENTS	SCHOLARSHIP(S)
Jonathan Acra	Walter E. Duling	Harley Davis	Bertha M. & Lake Polan
Christian Adams	The Health Plan	Travis Dinsmore	Marshall Neurosurgery
Michael Amos	Marshall Family Medicine	Justin Gandee	BrickStreet
Neil Blanchard	Department of Orthopaedics Fourth Year; Dr. Franklin Shuler	Miles Gray	Touma Family
Heath Blankenship	Ernest M. Walker, MD, Memorial	Dylan Maldonado	Bertha M. & Lake Polan
Anthony Cantrell	Bertha M. & Lake Polan	Julia Preusch	C. Douglas Phillips, MD, FACR
Taylor Cater	Touma Family	Aeesha Ranavaya	Sadler Brothers
Jeniece Clark	Touma Family	Samantha Richardson	Slater Trust; Dr. Donnah Wolodkin Whitaker
		Steven Sagun	Walter E. Duling

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.....

<b>Karl Shaver</b>	Mufson Family Award; Slater Trust; Valentovic Memorial	<b>Brian Warner</b>	Drs. Subhash & Rashmi Kumar
<b>Kyle Smith</b>	Alpha Natural Resources; Becker Family	<b>Emily Wright</b>	Dr. Patrick I. Brown; General School of Medicine; Marshall Neurology; Bertha M. & Lake Polan; Slater Trust
<b>Saidat Sola-Rufai</b>	Slater Trust; Touma Family		

## CLASS OF 2020

RECIPIENTS	SCHOLARSHIP(S)	RECIPIENTS	SCHOLARSHIP(S)
<b>Anthony Abadir</b>	BrickStreet	<b>Dakota May</b>	Nadar Family Foundation
<b>Jasmyn Atalla</b>	BrickStreet	<b>Marjorie McCoy</b>	Slater Trust
<b>Lloyd Border</b>	Charles B. & Margaret Lewis	<b>Jordan Preston</b>	The Health Plan; Dr. Dorothy E. Hicks
<b>Gabriella Casinelli</b>	The Health Plan	<b>Alexandrine Ratnani</b>	E. Pauline Harrell Memorial; Dr. Frederick J. & Agnes Marie Hoitash
<b>Evan Childers</b>	Sylvia & Milton Marshall Memorial	<b>Zachary Robateau</b>	Valentovic Memorial
<b>Adam Christian</b>	Philip N. Zambos, MD	<b>Preeya Shah</b>	Goodwin Family; Slater Trust
<b>Anne DeFruscio</b>	Dr. Donnah Wolodkin Whitaker	<b>Joseph Simmons</b>	The Health Plan
<b>William Freeman</b>	Norma J. Bromley	<b>Tyler Skidmore</b>	BrickStreet
<b>Jordan Kahle</b>	Walter E. Duling	<b>Dakota Stevenson</b>	Walter E. Duling
<b>Caleb Lee</b>	Walter E. Duling		

## CLASS OF 2021

RECIPIENTS	SCHOLARSHIP(S)	RECIPIENTS	SCHOLARSHIP(S)
<b>Timothy Adkins</b>	Walter E. Duling; Joan & Arthur Weisberg Expendable	<b>Timothy Kocher</b>	Harry & Elise Carnahan; Dr. Maurice A. & Diane W. Mufson
<b>Halley Alberts</b>	Bernice Dorsey Douthat & Lyell V. Douthat; Herschel Howard Sargent	<b>Hannah Leport</b>	Joseph & Karen McDonie; Joan & Arthur Weisberg Expendable
<b>Kara Anderson</b>	Kenneth E. Guyer Sr. & Hazel O. Guyer; Joan & Arthur Weisberg Expendable	<b>Jesse Lewis</b>	Dr. Charles Joseph Anton Jr. & Mary Anton; Joan & Arthur Weisberg Expendable
<b>Mercy Babatope</b>	Dr. Amir Rashid Piracha; Touma Family	<b>Jett MacPherson</b>	Aaron McGuffin, MD, Community
<b>Nathan Baisden</b>	Dr. & Mrs. Charles Reynolds	<b>Evan McClanahan</b>	BrickStreet; Anthony M. Alberico, MD
<b>David Bartlett</b>	Slater Trust	<b>Ibrahim Mohammed</b>	Walter E. Duling; School of Medicine Faculty; Touma Family
<b>Adam Bicak</b>	Charles B. & Margaret Lewis	<b>David Mounts</b>	Ernest Leaberry Memorial; Slater Trust; Alma M. Stollings Memorial
<b>Heather Bucur</b>	Slater Trust	<b>Cecilia Nease</b>	Virginia D. Kirkwood
<b>Matthew Cincotta</b>	C. Stafford Clay	<b>Mohammed Ranavaya II</b>	Joan & Arthur Weisberg Expendable
<b>Carly Clark</b>	BrickStreet; John & Donna Underwood	<b>Kayla Rodriguez</b>	Dr. Gary Tolley Memorial
<b>Kevin Clark</b>	Walter E. Duling; Brent A. Marsteller; Carl Hensley & Robert Walton Thomas	<b>Matthew Schade</b>	Slater Trust; Joan & Arthur Weisberg Expendable
<b>Sarah Cole</b>	Charles B. & Margaret Lewis	<b>Samantha Smith</b>	Brent A. Marsteller; Joan & Arthur Weisberg Expendable
<b>Hannah Datz</b>	Aaron McGuffin, MD, Community	<b>Sydney Smith-Graham</b>	Bettye Esposito; Slater Trust
<b>Benjamin Frear</b>	School of Medicine Alumni	<b>Scott Thiesfeldt</b>	Prichard; Dr. R. J. Wilkinson Memorial
<b>Ifeoluwatomi Fuwape</b>	Sylvia & Milton Marshall Memorial; Guy C. & Mae E. Nangle; Slater Trust; Touma Family	<b>Landon Thompson</b>	BrickStreet
<b>Angela Haikal</b>	Ruth E. Butler	<b>Dylan Weaver</b>	David C. Griffin, MD
<b>William Hayes</b>	Darby Family; Dr. Henry Hatfield	<b>Rebecca Wingfield</b>	Eagle Distributing; John R. Karickhoff, MD; Gregory D. VanMeter Memorial
<b>Samuel Kaplan</b>	Norval Carter Memorial; Charles R. & Mary Burris McCollister Memorial; Ramsey Endowed	<b>Samuel Wood</b>	Robert C. Bailey Memorial
<b>Shefali Khanna</b>	Joan & Arthur Weisberg Expendable	<b>Amber Wright</b>	Brent A. Marsteller; Joan & Arthur Weisberg Expendable
		<b>John Young</b>	Norval Carter Memorial; Darby Family



CLASS OF 2022

RECIPIENTS	SCHOLARSHIP(S)	RECIPIENTS	SCHOLARSHIP(S)
<b>Jordan Aikens</b>	Dr. John & Lisa Roth Endowed	<b>Tori Leader</b>	Jerry & Margaret Hodge; Sekar Family; Dr. Thomas B. Styer; MUSOM Class of 1990
<b>Melissa Ashman</b>	MUSOM Class of 1991	<b>Connor Levy</b>	James J. Schneider
<b>Nana Bosomtwe</b>	Drs. T. Williams & M. Lambert; Touma Family	<b>Erin Light</b>	AT&T Scholarship
<b>Kade Bradley</b>	Dr. & Mrs. Mark Sheridan	<b>Brittany McWatters</b>	MUSOM Class of 2017
<b>Madisen Burns</b>	Touma Family	<b>Chad Meadows</b>	Kevin W. Yingling, MD
<b>Makala Caldwell</b>	Edward Jr. & Marie Aliff Clay	<b>Margaret Meadows</b>	BrickStreet; MUSOM Class of 2020
<b>Joel Canner</b>	MUSOM Class of 2013	<b>Maya Menking-Colby</b>	Dr. R. Mark & Monica J.W. Hatfield
<b>John Castillo</b>	Philippine Medical Association; Dr. Jerome Puryear Diversity; Slater Trust	<b>Richard Mensah</b>	MUSOM Class of 1984; Touma Family
<b>Catherine Cavender</b>	Hess Family	<b>Japri Miller</b>	W. Carl Kappes; Touma Family
<b>Leah Ching</b>	Fox Family	<b>Cora Miracle</b>	Erling C.J. Norrby, MD, PhD
<b>Kaitlan Conn</b>	Milton & Betty Ferguson	<b>Grace Montgomery</b>	MUSOM Class of 2016
<b>Sydney Cook</b>	MUSOM Class of 1983	<b>Kaustav Mukherjee</b>	Huntington Clinical Foundation; Fred & Louise Janssen
<b>Andrew Cottrill</b>	HIMG Founders; Brent A. Marsteller	<b>Emma Nellhaus</b>	MUSOM Class of 2004
<b>Deena Dahshan</b>	Touma Family	<b>Austin Nichols</b>	MUSOM Class of 1991; MUSOM Class of 1996
<b>Vladimir Danailov</b>	Dr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Holbrook Memorial	<b>Emily Norris</b>	Jerry & Margaret Hodge; Larry & Cheryl Tweel
<b>Mason Dial</b>	Kathleen M. O'Hanlon, MD	<b>Justin Perdue</b>	Dr. Winfield C. John Memorial; Brent A. Marsteller; MUSOM Class of 1982; Wayne County Expendable
<b>Holly Farkosh</b>	Charles B. & Margaret Lewis	<b>Jordan Ratcliffe</b>	Milton & Betty Ferguson
<b>Kadiyatu Fofana</b>	MUSOM Class of 2002; Touma Family	<b>Mariam Shabih</b>	Dr. Ezra B. Riber
<b>Nathaniel Gallagher</b>	Huntington Clinical Foundation; Drs. Andrew & Pat Schindzielorz	<b>Shealyn Shafer</b>	William J. Echols, MD, Memorial
<b>David Gallegos</b>	Dr. Susann L. Lovejoy Memorial	<b>Mitchell Shelton</b>	MUSOM Class of 1990; Ratcliff Family
<b>Kristen Grinstead</b>	MUSOM Class of 1981 Robert W. Coon Memorial	<b>Michael Smith</b>	MUSOM Class of 1986
<b>Wai Fung Hau</b>	Dr. Clark D. Adkins Endowed; Cabell County Medical Society Alliance; MUSOM Class of 2004	<b>Shannon Smith</b>	Daniel & Teresa Cowell Memorial
<b>Trenton Hayes</b>	David A. Brosius Memorial; MUSOM Class of 1991	<b>Justin Spradling</b>	MUSOM Class of 1986
<b>Emily Hendricks</b>	W.B. "Bart" & Doris Andrews	<b>Jacob Spry</b>	Milton & Betty Ferguson; Wayne County Expendable
<b>Jacob Hesson</b>	Mid-Ohio Valley Bison Alumni Club	<b>Evan Stalnaker</b>	Elizabeth; MUSOM Class of 1999
<b>Kenneth Humphrey</b>	Huntington Clinical Foundation; MUSOM Class of 1985	<b>Ava Tennant</b>	Dr. Charlotte Rhee; Dr. Donnah Wolodkin Whitaker
<b>Robert Jackson</b>	Buzz & Norma Nash	<b>Amrita Valluri</b>	Bernard & Pansy Wellington; West Virginia Medical Association Alliance
<b>Muhammad Jafary</b>	Drs. Sanjeev Sharma & Barbara Lahr	<b>Catherine Waldron</b>	Wilson Family Endowment
<b>Peter Januszkiewicz</b>	Harrah Family	<b>Hayley Weese</b>	Dr. Kevin & Tammy Smith
<b>Jay Jensen</b>	Mahmood Heydarian, MD; Brent A. Marsteller; MUSOM Class of 1988; MUSOM Class of 1993	<b>Hunter White</b>	Cynthia A. Warren
<b>Alexandra Kiekofer</b>	Kowalski Family	<b>Sydney Yoho</b>	Peggy (Margaret) Theis
<b>Jacob Kilgore</b>	Milton & Betty Ferguson		
<b>Cierra King</b>	John B. Hamilton		
<b>Jake Kuzbel</b>	Radiology Graduates'		

*Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine's Class of 2022*  
**WHITE COAT CEREMONY**  
*August 3, 2018*

**T**he Marshall University School of Medicine Alumni Association extends its appreciation for the generosity of the alumni, faculty, staff and friends who purchased white coats and medical instruments for the Class of 2022. Names of donors and student recipients are listed on the following pages.



The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine welcomed 79 new medical students into the Class of 2022 during its annual white coat ceremony.



Mason Dial, a new legacy, with his father, Vice Dean Dr. Larry D. Dial ('99)



Nana Bosomtwe and Richard Mensah with their families



Sisterly love — Amrita Valluri (right), Class of 2022, is pictured with her sister Anisha Valluri, Class of 2023.



Since 2006, Drs. Joseph B. (left) and Omayma T. Touma (not pictured) have generously donated funds to provide each student with a stethoscope. Their daughter, Mona Touna Elliot (right), JD, presented the stethoscopes during the ceremony.



## *White Coats*

ALUMNI & FRIENDS	CLASS YEAR	SOM STUDENT	ALUMNI & FRIENDS	CLASS YEAR	SOM STUDENT
Kellee E. Abner, MD	1992	Mariam Shabih	Dr. Jack L. & Mrs. Beth W. Kinder Jr.	1991	Emily D. Hendricks
G. Montgomery Baylor, MD	1991	Mitchell W. Shelton	Devin A. King, MD	1999	Jacob A. Hesson
Lauren E. Bevins Cline, MD	2012	Kristen M. Grinstead	Amber L. Kuhl, MD	2000	Emily R. Norris
M. Shark Bird, MD	1996	Jake W. Kuzbel	Dr. Jay R. & Mrs. Kaitlin A. Lakhani	2007	Amrita R. Valluri
Kathryne J. Blair, MD	2013	Hannah A. Ray	Dr. Paula K. & Mr. S. Greg Larsen	1994	Makala B. Caldwell
Darin K. Bowers, MD	1987	Richard Mensah	Nicole E. Leedy, MD	2007	Margaret H. Meadows
Christopher W. Carey, MD	2011	Muhammad I. Jafary	Dana S. Lycans, MD	2013	Justin Perdue
Alvin R. Castillo, MD	2002/Family	John R. Castillo	Drs. Kelly E. & Kristina B. Melvin	2005	Vladimir S. Danailov
Peter A. Chirico, MD	Faculty	Madisen R. Burns	Lea Ann Moricle, MD	1985	Shannon M. Smith
Peter A. Chirico, MD	Faculty	Joel N. Canner	Jay T. Naegele, MD	1997	J. Taylor Spry
Robert J. Cure, MD	1998	Chad A. Meadows	Drs. Nancy B. & Michael L. Norton	1999	Sydney K. Cook
Jerry A. Dague, MD	2000	Evan B. Stalnaker	Kathleen M. O'Hanlon, MD	1986	Kaitlan S. Conn
Samuel R. Davis, MD	1983	Jordan R. Aikens	Leslie A. Pack Ranken, MD	2006	Sydney E. Yoho
Larry D. Dial Jr., MD	1999/Family	Mason E. Dial	Pratiksha Patel Vaghela, MD	2010	Kadiyatu Fofana
Harry H. Dinsmore Jr., MD	1991	Nana A. Bosomtwe	James R. Patterson, MD	1998	Renat Roytenberg
Drs. Forrest S. Harrison & Megan E. Docherty	2011	Connor B. Levy	C. Douglas Phillips, MD	1984	Trenton D. Hayes
Yoram Elitsur, MD	Faculty	Dana L. Sharma	Terry G. Pritt, MD	1985	Hayley B. Weese
John B. Epling, MD	2013	Shealyn B. Shafer	Ezra B. Riber, MD	1984	Melissa Ashman
Joseph E. Evans, MD	1982	Garrett Muckleroy	Dr. John D. & Mrs. Lisa K. Roth	1990/Family	Jessica Y. Roth
Dr. Adam M. & Mrs. Emily K. Franks	1999	Robert Jackson	Melissa A. Rowe, MD	2013	Leah M. Ching
Jeremy D. Fuller, MD	2003	Jay C. Jensen	Richard E. Ryncarz, MD	1995	Kaustav Mukherjee
Drs. Adrian S. & Amy L. Garmestani	2001	David X. Gallegos	Dr. Mark F. & Mrs. Janet L. Sheridan	1987	Erin E. Light
Jeffrey T. Gee, MD	1996	Catherine N. Cavender	Tina M. Sias, MD	1992	Deena Dahshan
Shea M. Goodrich, MD	2011	Grace Montgomery	Dr. Bernie M. & Mrs. Laura M. Simons	1990/Family	Allison R. Simons
Rose A. Goodwin, MD	1982	Sarah E. Evans	Mr. Terry A. & Mrs. Amy M. Smith	Friends/ Faculty	E. Hannah Casto
Dr. Nancy B. & Mr. P. Nolan Graham	1987	Cora E. Miracle	Stephen C. Smith, MD	1981	Michael D.C. Smith
Robert B. Gray, MD	1999	Collin M. Huth	Mary E. Smyrnioudis, MD	2009	Catherine D. Waldron
Dr. Todd W. & Mrs. Shannon M. Gress	1993	Austin R. Nichols	Mr. Timothy B. & Mrs. Terri L. Stanley	Friends	Justin R. Spradling
C. Dwight Groves, MD	1981	Sarah E. Joseck	Drs. David P. Rupp & Katherine J. Steele	2010/2013	Jordan E. Ratcliffe
Dr. Jennifer B. & Mr. Richard Grube	1996	Japri N. Miller	Thomas B. Styer, MD	1982	Wai Fung Hau
Lee C. Haikal, MD	1994/Family	Carla Haikal	Paula F. Taylor, MD	1996	K. Andrew Humphrey
Hammers, Hunt, Triplett families	Family	Tori Beth Leader	M. Teresa Vives, MD	1991	Brittany N. McWatters
Hammers, Hunt, Triplett families	Family	Brian J. Snoad	Tsailing Wang, MD	1991	Kade J. Bradley
Dr. Bobby L. Miller & Mr. Eric K. Hardin-Miller	1997	Jacob R. Kilgore	Jules A. Wesp, MD	2011	Taylor G. Adkins
Dr. R. Mark & Mrs. Monica W. Hatfield	1983	Andrew C. Cottrill	Keith H. Wharton, MD	1981	A. Paige Lester
Mary J. Haynes, MD	1997	Emma M. Nellhaus	Patricia L. Wilson, MD	1994	Maya Nadyeshda Menking-Colby
Tracy L. Hendershot, MD	2008	Holly A. Farkosh	Cynthia A. Winger, MD	Family	Peter W. Januszkiewicz
Jonathan A. Hess, MD	2012	Nathaniel C. Gallagher	Donnah S. Wolodkin Whitaker, MD	1984	Ava K. Tennant
John A. Hoffman, MD	1986	Cierra L. King			
Eric W. Janssen, MD	1986	Hunter L. White			
Mr. Timothy & Mrs. Debora Kiekover	Family	Alexandra M. Kiekover			

## *Medical Instruments*

ALUMNI & FRIENDS	CLASS YEAR	SOM STUDENT	ALUMNI & FRIENDS	CLASS YEAR	SOM STUDENT
Jerome B. Aya-Ay, MD	2004	Kaitlan S. Conn	Peter A. Chirico, MD	Faculty	Madisen R. Burns
G. Montgomery Baylor, MD	1991	Mitchell W. Shelton	Peter A. Chirico, MD	Faculty	Joel N. Canner
Lauren E. Bevins Cline, MD	2012	Kristen M. Grinstead	Peter A. Chirico, MD	Faculty	Dana L. Sharma
M. Shark Bird, MD	1996	Jake W. Kuzbel	Peter A. Chirico, MD	Faculty	Amrita R. Valluri
Darin K. Bowers, MD	1987	Richard Mensah	Robert J. Cure, MD	1998	Chad A. Meadows
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Larry D. Dial Jr., MD	1999/Family	Mason E. Dial	Dr. James M. & Mrs. Sherri B. Mears	1988	Japri N. Miller
Harry H. Dinsmore Jr., MD	1991	Nana A. Bosomtwe	Drs. Kelly E. & Kristina B. Melvin	2005	Vladimir S. Danailov
Drs. Forrest S. Harrison & Megan E. Docherty	2011	Connor B. Levy	Lea Ann Moricle, MD	1985	Shannon M. Smith
Joseph E. Evans, MD	1982	Garrett Muckleroy	Jay T. Naegele, MD	1997	J. Taylor Spry
Mobeen Farooq, MD	2017	Shealyn B. Shafer	Justin M. Nolte, MD	2007	Sarah E. Evans
Dr. Adam M. & Mrs. Emily K. Franks	1999	Robert Jackson	Drs. Nancy B. & Michael L. Norton	1999	Sydney K. Cook
Drs. Adrian S. & Amy L. Garmestani	2001	David X. Gallegos	Gretchen E. Oley, M.D.	1982	Grace Montgomery
Jeffrey T. Gee, MD	1996	Catherine N. Cavender	Leslie A. Pack Ranken, MD	2006	Sydney E. Yoho
W. Doug Given, MD	1983	Jay C. Jensen	Pratiksha Patel Vaghela, MD	2010	Kadiyatu Fofana
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Tracy L. Hendershot, MD	2008	Holly A. Farkosh	Dr. Bernie M. & Mrs. Laura M. Simons	1990/Family	Allison R. Simons
Robert A. Hess, MD	1984	Nathaniel C. Gallagher	Brenda C. Smith, MD	1981	Emily D. Hendricks
John A. Hoffman, MD	1986	Cierra L. King	Stephen C. Smith, MD	1981	Michael D.C. Smith
Eric W. Janssen, MD	1986	Hunter L. White	Mary E. Smyrnioudis, MD	2009	Catherine D. Waldron
Mr. James L. & Mrs. Selena M. Johe	Friends	Hayley B. Weese	Mr. Timothy B. & Mrs. Terri L. Stanley	Friends	Justin R. Spradling
Joseph L. Joyce, MD	1997	Muhammad I. Jafary	Drs. David P. Rupp & Katherine J. Steele	2010/2013	Jordan E. Ratcliffe
Mr. Timothy & Mrs. Debora Kiekover	Family	Alexandra M. Kiekover	Thomas B. Styer, MD	1982	Wai Fung Hau
Devin A. King, MD	1999	Jacob A. Hesson	Paula F. Taylor, MD	1996	K. Andrew Humphrey
Dr. Jay R. & Mrs. Kaitlin A. Lakhani	2007	E. Hannah Casto	M. Teresa Vives, MD	1991	Brittany N. McWatters
Dr. Paula K. & Mr. S. Greg Larsen	1994	Makala B. Caldwell	Drs. Price S. & Erin M. Ward	2012	Mariam Shabih
Nicole E. Leedy, MD	2007	Margaret H. Meadows	Jules A. Wesp, MD	2011	Taylor G. Adkins
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			Cynthia A. Winger, MD	Family	Peter W. Januszkiewicz
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ALUMNI & FRIENDS	CLASS YEAR	ALUMNI & FRIENDS	CLASS YEAR	ALUMNI & FRIENDS	CLASS YEAR
Dr. R. Anthony A. & Mrs. Lisa M. Aprea	1997	Eric S. Hopkins, MD	1998	Daniel J. Poole, MD	2012
Jerome B. Aya-Ay, MD	2004	Drs. Ronald DeAndrade Jr. & Kim M. Jordan	1983/1982	Dr. Gary W. & Mrs. Tamera T. Procop	1992
Amy R. Conley, MD	1998	Joseph L. Joyce, MD	1997	Ezra B. Riber, MD	1984
Cheryl L. Cook, MD	1985	Joseph M. King, MD	2007	Hobart K. Richey, MD	1983
Larry D. Dial Jr., MD	1999	Drs. Caleb R. Huff & Andrea M. Lauffer	2013/2010	Elizabeth S. Roberson, MD	1995
Sean C. DiCristofaro, MD	1997	Drs. Eric & Paula Lee	Friends	Geno V. Romano, MD	1985
Karen Clark Gerbo, MD	1989	Reggie J. McClung, MD	1983	Friday G. Simpson, MD	1991
Dr. Jennifer B. & Mr. Richard Grube	1996	Dr. James M. & Mrs. Sherri B. Mears	1988	Brenda C. Smith, MD	1981
Dr. R. Mark & Mrs. Monica W. Hatfield	1983	Justin M. Nolte, MD	2007	Drs. Gary A. Rankin & Monica Valentovic	Faculty
J. Robert Hayes, MD	2008	Gretchen E. Oley, MD	1982	Tsailing Wang, MD	1991
Mary J. Haynes, MD	1997			Drs. Price S. & Erin M. Ward	2012



# *It's a Match!* #Match 2019

The Class of 2019 celebrated outstanding residency matches with friends and family during the National Residency Matching Program's annual Match Day on March 15, 2019.



Karl Shaver of Huntington, West Virginia, matches to The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio, in internal medicine.



Obstetrics and gynecology faculty and residents celebrate with students who matched to OB/GYN.



(Above) Harley Davis, left, of Ashland, Kentucky, and Dylan R. Maldonado, right, of Beaver, Kentucky, pin their residency matches in dermatology to the class map. Davis matched to Louisiana State University in New Orleans and Maldonado matched to Texas Tech University in Lubbock.



(Right) Jeniece Clark of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, opens her match results for an anesthesiology residency at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

- 53% of the Class of 2019 entered primary care residencies
- One student matched in the Military Match
- #Match2019 was the largest match on record, according to NRMP



# RESIDENCY MATCHES FOR THE CLASS OF 2019.....

## CALIFORNIA

**Kristin S. Yasuda** *Orange* Pediatrics at University of California Irvine Medical Center

## FLORIDA

**William T. Daly** *Gainesville* Emergency Medicine at University of Central Florida College of Medicine

**Richard J. Nguyen** *Tampa* Medicine-Pediatrics at University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine

## GEORGIA

**Adam J. Golembioski** *Savannah* Medicine-Preliminary at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, followed by Radiology-Diagnostics at Memorial Health-University Medical Center

## ILLINOIS

**Trevor J. Roston** *Maywood* Medicine-Pediatrics at Loyola University Medical Center

## INDIANA

**Jonathan J. Acra** *Indianapolis* Internal Medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine

## KENTUCKY

**Christian S. Adams** *Lexington* Psychiatry at University of Kentucky Medical Center

**Travis H. Dinsmore** *Lexington* Emergency Medicine at University of Kentucky Medical Center

**Matthew G. Riley** *Lexington* Emergency Medicine at University of Kentucky Medical Center

**Brian J. Warner** *Lexington* Anesthesiology at University of Kentucky Medical Center

## LOUISIANA

**Harley J. Davis** *New Orleans* Transitional Year at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare Spartanburg, South Carolina, followed by Dermatology at Louisiana State University School of Medicine

## MISSISSIPPI

**Brett A. Floyd** *Jackson* General Surgery at University Hospital — Jackson

## NEW YORK

**Christopher M. Blackwell** *New York* Transitional Year at University of Central Florida College of Medicine/GME Consortium Gainesville, Florida, followed by Radiology-Diagnostics at Icahn School of Medicine — St. Luke's

**Akash Sharma** *Great Neck* Obstetrics-Gynecology at Zucker School of Medicine — Northwell

## NORTH CAROLINA

**Heath T. Blankenship** *Winston-Salem* Pathology at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

**Jeniece R. Clark** *Winston-Salem* Anesthesiology at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

**Fadi H. Hanna** *Winston-Salem* Family Medicine at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

## OHIO

**Tyler K. Farley** *Cleveland* Medicine-Preliminary at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, followed by Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Cleveland Clinic Foundation

**Jared M. Galloway** *Cincinnati* Internal Medicine at University of Cincinnati Medical Center

**Nicole E. Lee** *Columbus* Family Medicine at Grant Medical Center

**Joshua A. Leonard** *Marietta* Emergency Medicine at Memorial Health System

**Aeesha I. Ranavaya** *Cincinnati* Pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital

**Samantha D. Richardson** *Columbus* Obstetrics-Gynecology at Riverside Methodist Hospital

**Naseeb Shaheen** *Cleveland* Post-Doctorate Research — Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiothoracic Surgery at Cleveland Clinic

**Karl G. Shaver** *Columbus* Internal Medicine at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

**Emily M. Wright** *Cincinnati* Neurology at University of Cincinnati Medical Center

## OREGON

**John W. Urian** *Portland* Obstetrics-Gynecology at Oregon Health and Science University



**PENNSYLVANIA**

<b>Shirin S. Azadi</b>	<i>Allentown</i>	Obstetrics-Gynecology at Lehigh Valley Hospital
<b>Harold W. Burke</b>	<i>Pittsburgh</i>	Anesthesiology at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
<b>Adee M. Elhamdani</b>	<i>Pittsburgh</i>	Internal Medicine at Allegheny General Hospital
<b>Amanda J. Krauss</b>	<i>Pittsburgh</i>	Medicine-Pediatrics at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
<b>Saidat T. Sola-Rufai</b>	<i>Pittsburgh</i>	Pediatrics at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

<b>Matthew M. Bruner</b>	<i>Charleston</i>	Internal Medicine at Medical University of South Carolina
<b>Anthony C. Cantrell</b>	<i>Columbia</i>	Orthopaedic Surgery at Palmetto Health Richland
<b>Erin M. Casey</b>	<i>Greenville</i>	Obstetrics-Gynecology at Greenville Health System
<b>Erin B. Fankhanel</b>	<i>Charleston</i>	Internal Medicine at Medical University of South Carolina
<b>Benjamin D. Jude</b>	<i>Charleston</i>	Emergency Medicine at Medical University of South Carolina

**TENNESSEE**

<b>Ellen M. Petryna</b>	<i>Memphis</i>	Internal Medicine at University of Tennessee College of Medicine
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**TEXAS**

<b>Dylan R. Maldonado</b>	<i>Lubbock</i>	Transitional Year at University of Central Florida College of Medicine, Ocala, Florida, followed by Dermatology at Texas Tech University
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**VIRGINIA**

<b>Neil P. Blanchard</b>	<i>Charlottesville</i>	Orthopaedic Surgery at University of Virginia
<b>Rachel L. Marteney</b>	<i>Roanoke</i>	Obstetrics-Gynecology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Carilion School of Medicine

**WASHINGTON**

<b>Mathew A. Saab</b>	<i>Tacoma</i>	Emergency Medicine at Madigan Army Medicine Center, Joint Base Lewis-McChord United States Army
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**WEST VIRGINIA**

<b>Leesah Al-Qawasmi</b>	<i>Huntington</i>	Internal Medicine at Marshall University
<b>Michael D. Amos</b>	<i>Huntington</i>	Family Medicine at Marshall University
<b>Maggie C. Blackwood</b>	<i>Huntington</i>	Pediatrics at Marshall University
<b>Kristie Y. Burks</b>	<i>Huntington</i>	Medicine-Pediatrics at Marshall University
<b>Christopher W. Burrell</b>	<i>Huntington</i>	Neurology at Marshall University
<b>Taylor L. Gray Cater</b>	<i>Morgantown</i>	Internal Medicine at West Virginia University School of Medicine
<b>Justin T. Gandee</b>	<i>Huntington</i>	Psychiatry at Marshall University
<b>Zachary R. Johnson</b>	<i>Huntington</i>	General Surgery-Preliminary at Marshall University
<b>Mathew S. Lemberger</b>	<i>Huntington</i>	Psychiatry at Marshall University
<b>Christopher K. Lipinski</b>	<i>Huntington</i>	Medicine-Preliminary at Marshall University
<b>Yuto Nakafuku</b>	<i>Huntington</i>	Family Medicine at Marshall University
<b>Julia L. Preusch</b>	<i>Huntington</i>	Psychiatry at Marshall University
<b>Lindsay R. Robinson</b>	<i>Huntington</i>	Medicine-Preliminary at Marshall University
<b>Steven D. Sagun</b>	<i>Morgantown</i>	Internal Medicine at West Virginia University School of Medicine
<b>Kyle L. Smith</b>	<i>Huntington</i>	Medicine-Preliminary at Marshall University
<b>Angela Thorp</b>	<i>Huntington</i>	Medicine-Preliminary at Marshall University
<b>Aaron Keith Whiteman</b>	<i>Huntington</i>	Medicine-Pediatrics at Marshall University



View the Class of 2019's Match Day video and more photos at [jcesom.marshall.edu/benefactor](http://jcesom.marshall.edu/benefactor)



# Investiture 2019

Marshall University President Jerome Gilbert, PhD, conferred 60 Doctor of Medicine degrees and six Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Research degrees during the School of Medicine's 39th annual graduation and investiture ceremony on May 10, 2019.




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1. Our newest graduates with their Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Research degrees
2. The Class of 2019 ready for their graduation
3. The keynote address was delivered by Charles McKown, MD, former dean of the School of Medicine.
4. Two generations of doctors — Professor Mohammed Ranavaya, MD, JD, and his daughter Aeesha Ranavaya, MD, with Benjamin Jude, MD, and his father, professor and chair of obstetrics & gynecology David C. Jude, MD ('88)
5. Drs. Kristin Yasuda and Jeniece Clark take a super selfie just before their graduation ceremony.
6. Class President Karl Shaver, MD, and Marshall University President Dr. Jerome Gilbert
7. Father-and-son graduates — Drs. Harry ('91) & Travis Dinsmore


 View the Class of 2019's investiture ceremony at [jcesom.marshall.edu/benefactor](http://jcesom.marshall.edu/benefactor)



# 21st Annual GOLF CLASSIC

It was a gorgeous, sunny day at Guyan Golf & Country Club for our annual Golf Classic on May 7, 2019.

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1. First place went to the team of Pat Burrows, Drew Hefner, Nick Kilgore and Ian Wiley (16 under par).
2. 'Best of the Worst' went to Drs. Brett Floyd, Travis Dinsmore, Akash Sharma and Ben Jude of the Class of 2019.
3. Members of the Segra title sponsor team
4. Always 'Best Dressed' — the annual team representing "Caddyshack" and the Class of 2007 — Drs. Shabir Matcheswalla, Jeff Harris, Jay Shepherd and Andy Gilliland
5. After a seven-person putt-off, Marshall University CFO Mark Robinson was declared winner of the putting contest.
6. It's a family affair — Dr. Alvin Castillo ('02); Dr. Christopher Castillo, internal medicine resident; John Castillo, president of the Class of 2022; and Sam Worthy
7. Class of 2019 volunteers at the Golf Classic





# Standing Out IN OUR FIELD 6

This year's Standing Out in our Field 6 theme was Take Me Out to the Field.

More than 500 guests did just that. They were welcomed with ball caps and popcorn to get the party started. Thanks to our sponsors and guests, we were able to add \$130,000 to the School of Medicine scholarship endowment.

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1. Medical students and volunteers made the evening special for guests while taking a hands-on approach to help fund medical student scholarships.
2. Special thanks to a fabulous grill master – CEO/President of Cabell Huntington Hospital Kevin Fowler with Dr. Fred Adams ('83).
3. It isn't a party without dancing to the sounds of Santa Cruz.
4. Our Standing Out in Our Field theme is proudly displayed by Dr. Susan and Bill Wright and past co-chair Dr. Pete Chirico.
5. Our generous hosts Bobby L. Miller (left), MD ('97), and Eric Hardin Miller (right) with the dean and first lady of the School of Medicine, Dr. Joe and Mary Shapiro
6. Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, Gabriella Casinelli, MS4, and Ava Tennant, MS2, hit the dance floor.
7. A beautiful ending to a beautiful event



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# 32nd Annual HOMECOMING & REUNION WEEKEND

'Return of the Alumni' was the theme for Homecoming 2018, held October 19 & 20, 2018.



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1. The 35-year gang from the Class of 1983 – Drs. Reggie McClung, Class President Mark Hatfield, Jerry Blackwell, Doug Given and Sam Davis
2. Linda Holmes, director, development and alumni affairs, and Alumni Association President Dr. Krista Denning ('04), congratulate Dr. Jerry Blackwell ('83) after receiving the 2018 Distinguished Alumnus Award.
3. The Class of 2013 – Drs. Katy Blair, Chris Bates, Chris Daugherty and Sarah Frazier
4. The Class of 1988 – Drs. Allison Ross Kinder, Doug Kirk, Marsha Anderson, Joe Assaley, Jim Mears, Greg Rosencrance
5. The Class of 2013 – what a turnout for their five-year reunion.
6. It must be a good day – Drs. Phil Casingal ('92) and Jeff Holmes ('93) grin for the camera.
7. The Class of 1988 made a good showing – Drs. Joe Assaley, Marsha Anderson, Doug Kirk, Richard Cain, Greg Elkins, Allison Kinder Ross, Jim Mears and Jim Morgan
8. Linda Holmes welcomes Dr. Lucia Soltis ('08) as she celebrates her 10-year reunion at the tailgate.





# Class NOTES

## '80s

**Gerald G. "Jerry" Blackwell**, Class of 1983, has been named the first-ever physician president and chief medical officer of MedAxiom, a cardiovascular membership, services and consulting firm acquired by The American College of Cardiology (ACC) Foundation. Blackwell is a non-invasive cardiologist with Ballad Health in Johnson City, Tennessee. He was honored as the MUSOM Distinguished Alumnus at Homecoming 2018.

**Wayne E. Groux**, Class of 1983, has retired after 18 years of OB/GYN practice in Zanesville, Ohio, followed by 14 years of gynecology practice in Wheeling, West Virginia. He and his wife, Laura, plan to reside in the Zanesville area to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

**Bradley R. Martin**, Class of 1983, has been named Summa Health's chief medical officer for quality, a new position for the system. He also serves as vice president of medical affairs and is responsible for leading and coordinating all hospital quality initiatives. Martin is involved in heading physician engagement in strategic hospital initiatives, including clinical efficiency and length of stay.



Gerald "Jerry" Blackwell



Simon Chang during his trek to Mount Everest Base Camp



Joseph Assaley



J. Greg Rosencrance



Bobby Miller

**Simon K. Chang**, Class of 1985, completed two terms as department chair for the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children and is continuing as vice chair. He is an assistant clinical professor at the John A. Burns School of Medicine (University of Hawaii). Chang is also chair of the board of directors for the nonprofit Hawaii Cord Blood Bank, an organization engaged in the collection and public banking of umbilical cord blood stem cells.

**C. Steve Edwards**, Class of 1987, has joined Partners Behavioral Health Management as associate chief medical officer. He and his wife, Raeanna, have relocated to Gastonia, North Carolina.

**Joseph P. Assaley**, Class of 1988, an OB/GYN at Cabell Huntington Hospital's (CHH) Huntington Women's Health, was appointed executive director of perioperative services at CHH. Perioperative services include anesthesia, endoscopy, the CHH Surgery Center, pre-admission testing (PAT), pre-operative services, operating room, post-anesthesia care unit (PACU) and central sterile processing.

**J. Greg Rosencrance**, Class of 1988, is president of Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital in Vero Beach, Florida.



Rosencrance is assisting with the integration of four newly acquired hospitals into the system.

## '90s

**Bobby L. Miller**, Class of 1997, vice dean for medical student education at the MUSOM, was awarded an honorary fellowship from St George's, University of London, during the school's graduation ceremony in July. Miller was recognized for his support of St George's students during Marshall School of Medicine's four-year partnership with the London-based medical school. Miller is also a professor of pediatrics at MUSOM and medical director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

## '00s

**Lisa R. Carchedi**, Class of 2000, received the 2019 National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Exemplary Psychiatrist Award and was elected to serve a three-year term on the national board. NAMI is a grassroots organization that strives to end stigma in mental health and promote education and awareness.



Joseph "Joe" Foust



Christopher Goode



Kerri Donahue-Wood



Jillian M. McCagg and Paula Chapman's triplets Chael Hunter, Mackinley George and Emory Greer

She is also using her Master of Science in yoga therapy by starting Mind Body Integration, LLC, a yoga therapy practice focused on combining ancient wisdom and modern medicine.

**Joseph G. "Joe" Foust**, Class of 2000, practices family medicine at Novant Health Primary Care Marvin Creek in Waxhaw, North Carolina.

**C. Lynn Patterson**, Class of 2001, is a hospitalist at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky. She was previously medical director at Pleasant Valley Hospital and a member of the Palliative Care Team at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington. She also served as physician champion for the Clinical Decision Unit and as medical director of both hospitalist and pediatric hospitalist services at St. Mary's.

**Christopher S. Goode**, Class of 2002, has been named chair of the West Virginia University School of Medicine's Department of Emergency Medicine. He has been a member of the WVU faculty since 2005 and has served in a number of leadership roles locally, statewide and nationally. Goode currently serves on the board of the West Virginia American

### Just What the Doctor Ordered!

Is there a new future Marshall doctor in the family? If you're a Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine alum who is expecting or you've recently expanded your family, please let us know so we can send

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College of Emergency Physicians, where he previously served a three-year term as president.

**Kerri G. Donahue-Wood**, Class of 2002, has joined the provider team at Southern West Virginia Health System. She sees patients at three Southern West Virginia Health Breathing Center locations in Hamlin, Sand Plant (South Charleston) and Man.

**Jillian M. McCagg**, Class of 2006, and her wife, Paula Chapman, welcomed triplets. Chael Hunter, Mackinley George and Emory Greer were born on May 28, 2019. McCagg is a surgeon at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa, Kentucky.

**Courtney B. Saunders**, Class of 2006, is quadruple boarded in emergency medicine, internal medicine, cardiology and heart failure. She is with the Vidant Health/East Carolina Heart Institute in Greenville, North Carolina.

**Elizabeth “Betsy” A. Dovec**, Class of 2007, is a bariatric surgeon and medical director of the Comprehensive Obesity Management Program at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center located in Towson, Maryland. Dovec and her partner, Dr. Gustavo Bello, operate on more than 1,200 morbidly obese patients every year. Over the past two years, the two have co-created NewTri, a web-based (NewTriHealth.com), comprehensive, simplified nutrition curriculum to prepare patients



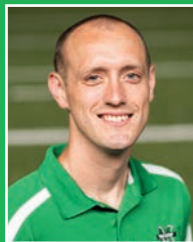
Lilianna Donn



Courtney and Scott McLean with their twins, Desmond and Cora



Theo and Henry Christiansen



Dana Lycans



Luca Caughran

for the life-changing effects of weight loss procedures. Dovec joined the GBMC Comprehensive Obesity Management Program in 2013.

## '10s

**Beatrice “Bea” L. Grasu**, Class of 2011, who completed her fellowship training at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, is an orthopaedic surgeon with special expertise in the treatment of hand and upper extremity disorders. In November, she joined OrthoMaryland, a private group in Baltimore. She and her husband, David Donn, welcomed a girl, Lilianna, on July 17, 2018.

**Courtney L. Kiser McLean**, Class of 2011, and her husband, Scott, welcomed twins, Cora Faye and Desmond Michael, on December 23, 2018.

**Emily A. Seidler**, Class of 2012, is a reproductive endocrinology and fertility specialist at Boston IVF. She has also been appointed a clinical instructor and assistant clerkship director of the OB/GYN clerkship at Harvard Medical School.

**Matthew Q. Christiansen**, Class of 2013, and his wife, Bre, welcomed twin boys, Theo and Henry, on January 1, 2019.

**Joanie M. Garratt**, Class of 2013, completed her fellowship in abdominal imaging at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia in June. She has



accepted a position as assistant professor of radiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

**Shannon N. James**, Class of 2013, is a pediatrician at Children’s Medical Center in Greenville, South Carolina.

**Ashley E. O’Keefe**, Class of 2013, and her husband, Eric Coon, welcomed a baby girl, Clara Josephine, on March 10, 2019.

**Dana S. Lycans**, Class of 2013, is an assistant professor in the department of orthopaedic surgery at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He specializes in sports medicine as well as surgical treatment of the shoulder, elbow, hip and knee. He also serves as an orthopaedic sports medicine physician for Marshall Athletics.

**Molly E. Seidler**, Class of 2014, and her husband, Dr. Alexander Caughran, welcomed a son, Luca Wolfner Caughran, on October 3, 2019.

**Zubair A. Ansari**, Class of 2014, has joined the faculty of Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Florida.

**Payam Heiraty**, Class of 2014, joined the Department of Anesthesiology faculty, having completed his general anesthesia residency at WVU.

**Jill A. Goodwin Putnam**, Class of 2014, is starting an upper extremity and hand fellowship at



Jack William Putnam



Atticus Grier Clarke



Courtney Nichols (left), December Resident of the Month at the MUSOM, is pictured with medicine-pediatrics residency program director Elizabeth Saunders, MD, Class of 2007.

Stanford University. She and her husband, Phil, welcomed Jack William on October 2, 2018.

**Hugh B. Cahill**, Class of 2015, is an attending neurologist with Hartford Hospital in Connecticut.

**Rachel Grier Clarke**, Class of 2015, and her husband, Shawn, welcomed a son, Atticus Grier, on September 18, 2019.

**Courtney N. Nichols**, Class of 2015, was MUSOM’s Resident of the Month for December 2018. She completed a combined four-year internal medicine and pediatrics residency. Nichols is now pursuing a combined fellowship in adult and pediatric infectious disease at The Ohio State University.

**Lonnie L. Berry**, Class of 2016, was MUSOM’s Resident of the



The following School of Medicine faculty members were recognized on Nov. 29, 2018, during the school’s annual Faculty Awards:

**Excellence in Commitment Award**—Matthew B. Curry, Class of 2013; Jennifer L. Gerlach, Class of 2011; Jack R. Stines, Class of 2005

**Faculty Impact Award**—Chuck W. Clements, Class of 1997

**Excellence in Leadership**—Adam M. Franks, Class of 1999

**Excellence in Mentoring**—Larry D. Dial, Class of 1999

**Rural Preceptor Award**—Kathryn E. Bell, Class of 2011

Not pictured: Dean Joseph Shapiro also presented the Dean’s Awards for Excellence to Jay R. Lakhani (Clinical Care), Class of 2007.

Also pictured are faculty members Alan Koester, Felix Cheung, Charles Francis, Jennie Yoost and Brandon Henderson.

Month for January 2019. Berry completed his third and final year at Marshall as the peer-elected chief resident in internal medicine. He is now a physician at Logan Regional Medical Center in the emergency department. Berry, who is also an ordained preacher, and his wife, Chasity, have three children, Luke, Brooke and Braxx.

**Indira Bhavsar Burke**, Class of 2016, has accepted a fellowship in gastroenterology at the University of Indiana.

**Warren C. Doyle and Sara E. Lilly**, both Class of 2016, welcomed daughter Isla Elizabeth on March 7, 2019. Lilly completed her pediatric residency at the Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and is starting a developmental and behavioral pediatrics fellowship at Prisma Health – University of South Carolina School of Medicine in Greenville. Doyle completed his emergency medicine residency at the Hershey Medical Center and is now with the Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

**Alan J. Enjetti**, Class of 2016, completed his residency at Palmetto Health in Columbia, South Carolina, and started his new position as an emergency medicine physician at Emergency Physicians of Tidewater.

**Brandon J. Smith**, Class of 2016, has accepted a fellowship in infectious disease at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.



Lonnie Berry (left), January Resident of the Month at MUSOM, is pictured with internal medicine residency program director Eva Patton-Tackett, MD.



Sara Lilly and Warren Doyle with daughter, Isla



Paul Viscuse and Brittany Wall



Merrigan Kresch



Mallery Morris

**Laura M. Stanko**, Class of 2016, has started a fellowship in hematology/oncology at the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville.

**Paul V. Viscuse and Brittany L. Wall**, both Class of 2016, were married on May 18, 2019, in Richmond, Virginia. Viscuse started a hematology/oncology fellowship at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, after completing his internal medicine residency at Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota. Wall completed her pediatric residency at Virginia Commonwealth University Health System and is a pediatric pulmonology fellow at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health in Indianapolis.

**Heather L. Saffel**, Class of 2016, completed her family medicine residency at Wake Forest University and is currently doing a fellowship at Emory University. She recently married her wife, Crystal, with fellow classmates Madhvi Shah as maid of honor and Ross DeChant and Travis Ferguson as two of her bridesmen.

**Makenzie M. Hatfield Kresch**, Class of 2018, received the Above and Beyond Award for Spirit and Professionalism from the Medical College of Wisconsin Psychiatry Residency Program. She and her husband, Steven, welcomed a daughter, Merrigan Grace, on July 25,

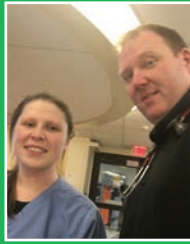


2019. Merrigan joins her older brother, Marcus “Shark,” born May 27, 2017. Makenzie is the daughter of R. Mark Hatfield, Class of 1983.

**Mallory N. Morris**, Class of 2018, now a psychiatry resident at MUSOM, was the winner of the “Thank a Resident” gift basket sponsored by the Gold Humanism Honor Society on “Thank a Resident Day,” February 21, 2019.

## And...

**R. Dan Bledsoe**, Class of 2001, and **April E. Hoffman**, Class of 2017, rotated in the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Pinnacle Harrisburg Hospital Emergency Department. “We had a taxing but rewarding shift and did a great job caring for some very sick patients. It was



R. Dan Bledsoe and April E. Hoffman



C. Douglas Phillips and Eric L. Leonard



Drs. Higgins and Saffel on their May 25, 2019, wedding day

awesome to work with a fellow Marshall alum,” said Bledsoe.

In July, **C. Douglas Phillips**, Class of 1984, and **Eric L. Leonard**, Class of 1997, could be found on the high seas, somewhere off the coast of Colombia, heading to Cartagena on the *Caribbean Princess*. Phillips and his wife, Dr. Debbie Shatzkes, were teaching the CME course and Leonard was an attendee.

Congratulations to **Russell L. Fry**, Class of 2000, **Jacqueline M. Ray**, Class of 1995, **Curtis W. Harrison**, Class of 1998, and **Meagan W. Shepherd**, Class of 2007, all MUSOM faculty physicians, on being named to Castle Connolly’s annual Top Doctors listings!



At the annual awards banquet were (front row L-R) Dr. Vera Rose, Jannell Hess and Crystal Vance; (back row) Linda Holmes, Dr. Deborah Shatzkes, honoree Dr. C. Douglas Phillips ('84) and his classmates Dr. Matt Rohrbach and Dr. Bob Hess.

Congratulations to our 2019 Alumnus of Distinction from the School of Medicine, **C. Doug Phillips**, an attending physician and director of Head and Neck Imaging at New York-Presbyterian Hospital as well as a professor of radiology at Weill-Cornell Medicine. Phillips was recognized at the Marshall University Alumni Association’s 82nd Annual Alumni Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 13.

**Elizabeth  
“Betsy” Dovec,  
MD, FACS, FASMBS  
Class of 2007**

- Director, Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC) Comprehensive Obesity Management Program
- Medical Director, GBMC Unit 48
- Bariatric Surgeon, GBMC
- CEO & Co-Founder, NewTri (www.NewTriHealth.com)

**Hometown:** Weirton, West Virginia

**Current City:** Baltimore, Maryland

**What is your favorite hobby?**

Calligraphy, and reading my Instagram feed, fictional books or *People* magazine.

**What did you want to be when you grew up?**

It was a tie between a hair stylist and a president of a bank.

**When did you know you wanted to be a doctor?**

I never had that singular, defining “aha” moment. I remember being completely impressed with my pediatrician. I always thought doctors were mythical unicorns — impossibly brilliant. From middle school on, I never wavered in my desire to be a physician but felt intimidated and insecure. My parents were both pharmacists and encouraged me. With a great deal of grit, I made it through high school and college focused on getting into medical school and becoming a doctor.

**What are your clinical interests?**

To achieve the best results with bariatric surgery, I must have empathy and focus on the patient experience as the priority. With certainty, I know that no one wants to be morbidly obese. Even more, no one wants to walk into a bariatric surgery office to control their obesity. As a bariatric surgeon,



I have relationships with people who are actively fighting obesity. I see their struggles and successes every day. My experience has shown me how difficult, devious and complex obesity is as a disease, but I have also seen that it is possible to reverse obesity. I believe that sustainable success is only found by addressing the mind AND the body with best practices: Bariatric Surgery + Changing our Relationship with Food and Exercise + Mental Strategies.

**Are you involved in research right now?**

I am conducting research to prove that NewTri’s web-based, comprehensive, yet simplified nutrition curriculum is superior to the “traditional” in-person visits to prepare patients for the life-changing effects of these life-saving procedures. Through NewTri, we guide weight loss surgery patients through an educational journey to transform their minds and bodies by reversing the effects of obesity and improving the results of weight loss surgery. I feel confident that NewTri’s virtual experience will improve patient satisfaction and outcomes to become the international gold standard in weight loss surgery.

**How do you achieve work-life balance between your practice, being a mom of three and other activities?**

We had our three kids, Adrienne (12/2015), Evan (5/2017) and Liv

(10/2018), very close together after I was established as an attending surgeon. Our family thrives off the structured routine. We can’t function without our shared calendar. My husband, Aaron, is sincerely proud of me and has a critical role in supporting every single one of us. He keeps things organized and effectively and efficiently managed. He is also the President of NewTri, which has proven to be an exciting venture together. I am fortunate to have a rewarding career that affords us the opportunities to live a full, joyous family life.

**Why do you remain engaged with the School of Medicine as an alumna?**

The day I was accepted into the School of Medicine is one of the proudest days of my life — the definition of life goals. I will forever be indebted to the School of Medicine for believing in me and laying the foundation for my career. The experiences and lasting friendships have shaped my life. Everyone was sincerely invested in providing me with all the resources to become a skilled and knowledgeable physician. I received an excellent education and am exceedingly proud to be an alumna. I hope to continue to pay it forward and impact future physicians, too.

**Is there anything else you want to share with readers?**

Never stop learning or pushing the envelope. My partner and I are the busiest bariatric surgeons in Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic region operating at a community hospital just north of Baltimore. We operate on more than 1,000 morbidly obese patients per year and get great results. We all got into medicine to positively impact and change the lives of others. We created NewTri, a virtual pre-operative education system for bariatric surgery patients. We have been working with insurance companies on a regional, national and global level to generate policy change to accept our novel approach in preparing patients for surgery. If you have an idea to improve the lives of other humans, fight for it. Never forget the passion that got you into medicine in the first place.



A portrait of Jerome Puryear Jr., MD, a Black man with glasses, smiling, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

# I'M INSPIRED.

**I AM A SON OF MARSHALL.**

Jerome Puryear Jr., MD, Class of 1997, credits his late mother, a surgical nurse, for sparking his interest in medicine. Now an interventional and diagnostic neuroradiologist at Kettering Network Radiology, Inc. in Ohio, Dr. Puryear continues to be inspired by his mother because of her commitment to something she loved to do. Every day, Dr. Puryear remains committed to something he, too, loves—making a difference in the lives of oncology patients.

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- Hikes with family — from Barboursville Park to Lake Vesuvius to Iceland — for fun.
- Served as a Space Operations Officer in the U.S. Air Force.
- Works to balance education requirements with being the best husband & dad he can be.
- Loves when life happens or you need a helping hand, the Marshall family is always ready to help.

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