The words every medical student remembers and the voice that shared the news of their acceptance, guided and helped them successfully navigate admission to the Marshall University School of Medicine came from none other than Ms. Cindy Warren, assistant dean of admissions.

Probably the one thing that our 1,900 graduates of the Marshall School of Medicine agree on is that Cindy is a treasure. She is, undoubtedly, one of the most influential and revered individuals in your medical school journey and has faithfully served our school for 41 years—and, hopefully, many more years to come. It is time to honor this remarkable woman and celebrate her with the naming of the Cindy A. Warren Conference Room.

The Cindy A. Warren Conference Room will be located on the second floor of the Marshall University Medical Center, adjacent to the Health Science Library and appropriately near the Office of Admissions.

Consistent with university guidelines, our goal is to raise $100,000 to name this meeting space, with the money designated for medical student scholarships. My wife, Mary, and I have made our pledge. Please join us in honoring this amazing woman who has touched all of our lives and make a difference for the person who made a difference for you.

Warm regards,

Joseph I. Shapiro, MD
Dean, School of Medicine

"I can remember answering the wall phone in my kitchen in the fall of 1988, hearing Cindy say ‘you are accepted’ and not remembering much of anything else because of my excitement. I had met with Cindy as I planned my journey to medical school, and her phone call changed my life."

- Dr. Linda Brown, Class of 1993

"I was working in Florida when I got the call from Cindy. With the same friendly voice I had come to appreciate through my application process, she told me I had been accepted. I was elated and so excited. Of course, the first thing I did was call my mother and father to share the good news."

- Ally Kiekover, Class of 2022

"I was weighing my coal truck at the scale house when I was told to call my grandfather. He said, ‘Cindy Warren called and said you got into the Marshall School of Medicine.’ I rushed home and my grandfather and I headed to Huntington with my deposit in hand. It was the happiest day of my life and it represented more than just me fulfilling a dream of becoming a physician, but to those in rural West Virginia, that they, too, could do it. Cindy was with me from the start to finish of medical school. The best was all my trucking buddies immediately said I had to change my CB handle from Mugsy to Dr. Dave. To honor Cindy, I made the first gift and challenge you to join me in this effort."

- Dr. David Adair, Class of 1990

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