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Marshall University medical students bring a diverse set of skills with them as they enter the medical field. Taylor Pearson of Columbus, Ohio, learned the importance of teamwork while playing women’s basketball at Marshall, and she shares her artistic talents through a small business customizing and restoring sneakers.

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As a neonatologist with Marshall Health and vice dean for medical education at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, I have had the opportunity over the past decade to be part of the exciting growth our school of medicine experienced under the leadership of Dr. Joseph Shapiro. We now have 25 residency and fellowship programs, including a new rural surgery residency that has the distinction of being the nation's first separately-accredited rural residency training program. We also initiated a handful of pathway programs, including the BS/MD program whose inaugural cohort completed the seven-year program to earn their medical degrees in April 2022. We also achieved tremendous growth in biomedical and clinical research.

While we reflect on Dr. Shapiro’s legacy with gratitude, we must also look forward to the changes ahead. The outpouring of support our alumni and friends have shown the school of medicine in the past was critical to achieving these initiatives. Your generosity and involvement continue to drive major shifts in lowering our medical student debt and offsetting program costs. We ask that you remain steadfast in your involvement and giving as we enter the next era.

Our previous accomplishments started with small changes fueled by big ideas. Imagine what the next decade will bring if we continue to work together and embrace the changes and exciting opportunities ahead.

The search for the sixth dean of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will officially launch in early 2023. Thank you for your trust and support during this period of transition. It is an honor to be serving as your interim dean.

Warm regards,

Bobby L. Miller, MD (’97)
Interim Dean
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— Bobby L. Miller, MD
As I reflect on my journey through medicine, my mind drifts to the first time I considered becoming a physician. I remember sitting in my eighth-grade classroom trying to conceptualize the studying, stress and strain I perceived would be required to achieve that goal — a goal that felt unattainable to the son of a civil engineer and preschool music teacher. Yet, little by little, piece by piece, test by test and patient by patient, I finally reached the peak of that once monumental, seemingly insurmountable mountain, but I did not do so on my own. I was guided, pushed, cajoled and mentored through each step of the process by the many gifted, committed faculty of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

My connection to Marshall University officially started in 1991 as an undergraduate student. I had planned to “see the world” after high school; however, I soon discovered that “something special” found only at Marshall. Thus, I extended my time there to medical school then to my family medicine residency and finally to present-day professor of family and community health.

Ironically, my time at Marshall over the past three decades, with only a brief stint away for fellowship, has presented me the opportunity to still achieve my original dream of “seeing the world” while also representing our School of Medicine. As an invited lecturer, a research collaborator and national council board member, I’ve been given a platform to showcase how a first-rate medical education can be attained right here in Huntington, West Virginia. I consider it a privilege to now serve as your School of Medicine Alumni Association president, not because it is an honor (although it is that as well), but because it affords me a new opportunity to serve our medical school and nurture a new generation of medical students, many of whom, like me, will find the journey overwhelming but worthwhile.

I encourage you to think back on your own personal journey into the medical field. Remember your struggles and triumphs. Remember those who came before you and guided, pushed, cajoled and mentored you through. Embrace your story and share it by exploring all of the options that the Alumni Association provides: return to Huntington for Homecoming to share your story; commit to strengthen those bonds forged through late nights of study or panicked nights on call; volunteer to lend your expertise to the new generation of Marshall’s medical students; become a peer reviewer for the Marshall Journal of Medicine; or sponsor a scholarship.

Your journey is inspirational. Sometimes, inspiration is the secret sauce that is exactly what a hard-working student or a dedicated faculty member needs to hear to continue Marshall’s legacy. I look forward to hearing your stories.

We Are Marshall!

Adam M. Franks, MD ('99)
President
Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Alumni Association
The new joint rural surgery residency program at the School of Medicine and Logan Regional Medical Center earned initial accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), making it the nation’s first officially designated, separately accredited rural residency training track program. The rural surgery program, sponsored by the Marshall Community Health Consortium and supported by a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), pioneers a training model designed to address specific benchmarks unique to surgeons practicing in a rural setting. The program, led by Associate Professor Farzad Amiri, MD, as program director, and Assistant Professor Jodi Cisco-Goff, MD ('97), as associate program director, will welcome its first residents to the new five-year program in July 2023.

The School of Medicine has established a new Department of Anesthesiology to facilitate additional learning opportunities for students, research and advanced training. The department is led by Associate Professor and Chair Jay Shepherd, MD ('07), who has served as an anesthesiologist at King’s Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky, since 2011. Dr. Shepherd completed his residency at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology.

Dr. Shepherd will work to build a core faculty to support the department’s clinical educational and research efforts, and initiate steps to ultimately establish an accredited anesthesiology residency at Marshall.

The Marshall University Physician Assistant (PA) program received $1.46 million from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to enhance the rural training experience of all its PA students. Through the five-year grant, program leaders will implement a four-week rural primary care rotation requirement that may be completed at a site affiliated with Lincoln Primary Care Center or Pleasant Valley Hospital, with the option of an additional four-week rotation at the other site.

The School of Medicine signed two clinical training agreements with Highland Hospital. The first agreement gives fourth-year medical students at Marshall the opportunity to complete at least one elective psychiatry rotation at Highland Hospital’s behavioral health facility in Charleston. Throughout the course of their rotation at Highland, the students will provide care to psychiatric patients admitted to the facility under the supervision of a trained and board-certified psychiatrist for two to four weeks. In addition, physician assistant students at Marshall may now choose to complete a clinical rotation at Highland Hospital. One four-week psychiatry rotation is a requirement of the program.
PEDiATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE EXPERTs LEAD ANTImICROBIAl STEWARDSHIP

A new statewide initiative to create a statewide, outpatient antimicrobial stewardship program (ASP) that encourages appropriate antibiotic use for children and adults across West Virginia, is being led by the School of Medicine’s pediatric infectious disease experts, Assistant Professors Jacob T. Kilgore, MD (‘13), MPH, and Mariana Lanata, MD. Through the WV Antibiotic Awareness Program, the School of Medicine is facilitating sustainable, evidence-based antimicrobial stewardship interventions throughout West Virginia that equip outpatient providers with the tools and metrics necessary to affect patients by becoming a resource to other providers outside their community. This data-driven approach aims to improve antibiotic prescribing practices to more effectively treat infections, enhance patient safety and help slow the spread of antibiotic resistance. Drs. Kilgore and Lanata have assembled a team of general pediatricians, other pediatric infectious diseases providers, clinical pharmacists and data analysts to develop and deliver program content. The team will also work closely with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources on educational resources and interventions, which also provided funding for the initiative.

MARSHALL HEALTH, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE PARTNER WITH MARSHALL ATHLETICS ON ATHLETIC TRAINING

Collegiate athletic trainers for all student-athletes at Marshall University are now housed within Marshall Health and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine under the direction of Head Team Physician John J. Jasko, MD, an associate professor of orthopaedic surgery. The new partnership with Marshall Athletics creates an independent medical model of care for Marshall student-athletes, establishing an environment in which the team physician and athletic trainers make medical decisions for student-athletes free of pressure or influence from non-medical factors.

COOK TAKES ON NEW ROLE IN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Shane E. Cook, MD (‘15), assumed the role of department chair and associate professor of dermatology at the School of Medicine on Nov. 1, 2022, and oversees the clinical, research and educational activities of the department.

A board-certified dermatologist, Dr. Cook earned his Bachelor of Science from West Virginia Wesleyan College, followed by his Doctor of Medicine at Marshall University. He completed his dermatology residency at the Medical University of South Carolina, where he served as chief resident. For the past three years, he has served as a dermatologist at Boone Memorial Hospital in Madison, West Virginia.

Dr. Cook succeeds longtime Huntington dermatologist Charles Yarbrough, MD, who served as inaugural chair of the department since 2014. Dr. Yarbrough remains with the department and continues to see patients and teach medical students and residents on a part-time basis.
**SUNDARAM EARN ONE OF VA’S HIGHEST HONORS**

Professor and Vice Dean Uma Sundaram, MD, was honored by the Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Medical Center with the VA Merit Review Senior Clinician Scientist Investigator (SCSI) Award, the most prestigious grant given by the U.S. Veterans Administration grants program, for his research on malnutrition and inflammatory bowel disease. The SCSI Award includes a Merit Award extension for four years, amounting to a total eight-year award. Dr. Sundaram is one of only 41 researchers across the country to hold SCSI status. He first received a VA Merit Award in 2017 for research related to the causes of malnutrition and diarrhea in IBD. His continued research will work to determine how the body’s immune system affects intestinal absorption and secretion in IBD so that more specific and effective treatments can be developed.

**HENDERSON RECEIVES EARLY CAREER AWARD**

Brandon J. Henderson, PhD, an associate professor of biomedical sciences, was named a 2022 recipient of the Division of Neuropharmacology Early Career Award by the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET). Dr. Henderson was recognized for his seminal and timely research on how flavorants in electronic cigarettes enhance reward for vaporized nicotine as well as his commitment to mentoring and public outreach. Dr. Henderson has presented his work nationally in 20 invited talks and obtained three grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to date, including a R00, R21 and a R01, one of the most competitive grants issued by the NIH.

**SAMHSA GRANT PROVIDES MAT TRAINING TO MEDICAL STUDENTS ACROSS WEST VIRGINIA**

West Virginia’s three medical schools at Marshall University, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and West Virginia University — are collaborating on a project that will embed medication-assisted treatment (MAT) training into each school’s curriculum to dramatically increase the number of physicians who can provide MAT. The project, made possible through a $448,786 grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and support from the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, establishes a single MAT education coordinator for the state of West Virginia to assist in curriculum development and help programs and students overcome barriers to embedding MAT training and establishing their MAT waiver. Marshall’s Lyn O’Connell, PhD, associate director of addiction sciences, serves as principal investigator on the grant.
Ava K. Tennant, MD, is a Wheeling, West Virginia, native who earned her undergraduate degree in Human Biology from Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Dr. Tennant demonstrated leadership throughout her medical school career which included serving four years as secretary of the Class of 2022, president of the pediatric interest group, AMA delegate and tutoring other medical students. She was inducted into the prestigious Gold Humanism Society and served as the chapter president.

In addition to receiving the 2022 Faculty Choice Award, Dr. Tennant received the McCorkle Family Scholarship, which is awarded to a fourth-year medical student who best embodies a commitment to academic excellence, compassion and willingness to help others. She was also recognized with honors for four years of community service during medical school. Dr. Tennant is completing a pediatric residency at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia.
For more than 30 years, the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and its medical students have been the beneficiaries of the leadership and mentorship of Peter A. Chirico, MD. He teaches and leads by example, instilling confidence, humility and compassion while encouraging students to challenge themselves. His greatest legacy, with the exception of his family, is the undeniable impact of the mentorship and wise counsel he offers students, especially those pursuing a career in radiology. Dr. Chirico always makes time for his “kids,” as he affectionately calls his students, even long after they’ve left Marshall as students.

Since joining the area’s leading radiology practice, Radiology, Inc., in 1991, Dr. Chirico has been a guiding force behind the dynamic clinical radiology experience every Marshall medical student receives. His mentorship, guidance and encouragement have been the conduit for the radiology careers of more than 150 students. In addition to his role as professor and chair of radiology at the School of Medicine, Dr. Chirico also serves as chief of radiology at Cabell Huntington Hospital. He instills professionalism and compassion in every student he interacts with and those traits transcend to the patients and families his work impacts.

A native of Newark, New Jersey, Dr. Chirico graduated from Rutgers Medical School and completed both his diagnostic radiology residency and body imaging fellowship at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore. A board-certified diagnostic radiologist, Dr. Chirico also specializes in pediatric radiology and women’s imaging.

In addition to his role as physician and teacher, Dr. Chirico has reinvested countless hours back into his community, serving on the boards for Hospice of Huntington and the Marshall Artist Series. In 2022, he was named the Volunteer of the Year for the Huntington Museum of Art, where he has served on the board of trustees since 2016 and currently chairs HMA’s membership campaign. In 2018, Dr. Chirico and his wife, Clare, served as co-chairs for the School of Medicine scholarship fundraiser, Standing Out In Our Field.

In 2021, the Dr. Peter A. Chirico Scholarship was established to honor Dr. Chirico’s unparalleled leadership. In less than three months, radiology graduates and friends from across the country gave more than $50,000 to support the scholarship fund. The Class of 2022 also presented Dr. Chirico with its “Person Who Made Me a Better Doctor” Award and named Dr. Chirico and the Department of Radiology as the “Best 4th Year Clinical Instructor & Rotation.”

Past President of the Alumni Association Robert J. Cure, MD ('98) presents the Honorary Alumnus Award to Peter A. Chirico, MD, at the 2022 graduation and investiture ceremony.

Dr. Chirico with his radiology “kids” from the Class of 2022.
Getting into, paying for and graduating from medical school is a daunting task even for the best and brightest students. But Marshall University and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine have made a clearly defined pathway for exceptional high school students in West Virginia pursuing a career in medicine. Joseph Shapiro, MD, former dean of the medical school was the visionary for the program. In collaboration with faculty and staff from the medical school and the College of Science, the program was developed, and the first class was accepted in 2015. Named the accelerated Bachelor of Science/Medical Degree (BS/MD) program, the program graduated its first class of 10 students in May 2022, who are now in their residency programs.

Jennifer Plymale and the staff of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health at Marshall University provide program oversight. According to Plymale, who also serves as associate dean for admissions and director of the Center for Rural Health, the first step comes when members of the admissions committee, comprised primarily of Marshall faculty, interview students during their senior year of high school.

“These are exceptional students, in the 98th percentile when it comes to their SAT or ACT scores and GPA,” Plymale explained. “They must complete an application and provide letters of recommendations. Many of them have already completed some of their college courses while still in high school.”

Once accepted into the program, because of their stellar high school academics, students typically receive the Promise Scholarship and the John Marshall Scholarship for their undergraduate years. If they successfully complete all their undergraduate requirements and maintain at least a 3.5 GPA, they are guaranteed a seat in the upcoming medical school class. These accomplished students are not required to take the MCAT exam — the strenuous exam required to enter medical school — and receive full tuition waivers for their four years of medical school.

“Every BS/MD student in the program is assigned an academic and financial advisor,” Plymale noted. “These students are provided honors housing, receive preferential scheduling and enjoy enrichment programs like etiquette dinners and informal talks by students ahead of them in the program. We want them to grow both academically and professionally.”

According to Kadi Conn Harvey, MD (‘22), from Fort Gay, West Virginia, and a recent graduate, the program offered her hope and an opportunity.

“Coming from a very rural background, the majority of my classmates did not automatically go straight to college,” Dr. Harvey explained. “No one talked to us about medical school; no one ever mentioned that was an option. I was told students from schools like ours are never considered for things like that.”

Undeterred, Dr. Harvey applied, was interviewed and accepted.

“Looking back, all I needed was the knowl-
edge that someone out there believed in me and would give me the chance to prove myself," she said. "It hasn’t always been easy, but I am proud of what I have accomplished with that opportunity thus far. My greatest hope is that I can make those individuals who took a chance on me proud.”

Because the Center for Rural Health focuses on training doctors for later service in the Mountain State, the BS/MD program only accepts in-state students.

"Traditionally, our students are family-focused," Plymale said. "Our thought was if we could train these exceptional students here, we could retain them and hopefully create a workforce to serve this region.”

Two from the program’s first graduating class are doing their residencies at Marshall and another is at West Virginia University. That’s 30% who have stayed in-state for residency.

Another good example from the BS/MD program is Wade Ritchie. The third-year undergraduate student from Leivas, West Virginia, in Nicholas County wants to be an anesthesiologist.

"Being from a small town got me passionate about rural medicine," Ritchie said. "Being able one day to go back home and help out as much as I can would really make me happy.”

Jacy Baxter, a second-year medical student from Chapmanville, West Virginia, touts another benefit of the program.

"My absolute favorite part of the program is the connection to the other people in the program," Baxter said. "You have a select group of people who are experiencing the same thing as you. You have mentors ahead of you who have been through the same classes. Now that I’m in my second year, the first-year students are starting to text me with questions like, ‘Hey, how did you handle this issue?’ When I can help them, it’s full circle.”

Plymale loves this program and the results it is having. Currently, 29 undergraduate students and 34 medical students are gaining its benefits.

"Working with these exceptional students and giving them such a wonderful opportunity is so rewarding," Plymale stated. "I am honored to be part of this incredible program and feel blessed that I am in a job that I love with the opportunity to have a significant impact on our region.”

Carter Seaton is a freelance writer living in Huntington, West Virginia. She received the 2014 Literary Merit Award from the West Virginia Library Association, the Marshall University College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Alumni Award in 2015 and the Governor’s Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts in 2016.
Takotsubo cardiomyopathy, a rare heart disease that causes the tip of the left ventricle to stretch. Another name for the condition is “broken heart syndrome.” Its causes are unknown. The condition usually occurs in older women who have recently experienced intense physical or emotional distress, such as the death of a loved one or a serious accident.

After her heart “broke,” Dr. Becher immediately stopped all the work she had been doing, no longer seeing her patients and quitting every community board she was on. As she recovered on bed rest for a couple of weeks, she tried to figure out what had gone wrong.

“I wasn’t tough enough to follow the path I’d set myself on,” she wrote in a blog she posted, “No one put me in this position. I applied to medical school, I sought a job in rural primary care and I poured..."
my identity into it. Takotsubo’s is typically caused by severe acute stress, something traumatic and abrupt. Mine was just from going to work every day.”

Over time, Dr. Becher realized that she had been severely overtaxing herself by taking on so many roles in an effort to care for her patients and improve their lives. “Why had I said yes to doing so many home visits?” she wrote. “Why did I work so hard to make food accessible in this town that I don’t even live in? Why did I keep saying yes to everything anyone asked me to do?”

Today, Dr. Becher is back at work, but on a far more manageable basis. And she’s telling her story, hoping her “burnout” will be a cautionary example for other physicians to heed. Her experience has attracted wide notice, including a lengthy article in The New York Times.

“I am shifting my focus toward helping other physicians learn from my mistakes, which means I have to actually tell my story,” Dr. Becher wrote in her blog. “I am definitely a work in progress, and I am always on the edge of a cliff, at risk of jumping back and putting myself in a position to be hurt again. But at least now I know there is a cliff.”

As Dr. Becher notes, her experience is far from unique. Even before the COVID pandemic, burnout was a significant problem among physicians. A 2017 study of roughly 5,000 physicians published by the Mayo Clinic found that around 44% experienced at least one sign of burnout. Similarly, a 2019 report from the National Academy of Medicine found that 54% of physicians and nurses were burned out.

“And it’s not just health care professionals who are at risk of burnout,” Dr. Becher cautions. “Teachers, people in law enforcement and, in fact, anyone in a high-stress job should be on guard against burnout. If you think you’re Superman or Superwoman and can do anything and everything, you could be headed for trouble.”

James E. Casto is the retired associate editor of The Herald-Dispatch and author of a number of books on local history.
The paths both to and beyond medical school look different for every student. For some Marshall School of Medicine alumni, those paths are intertwined with service to our country.

Dan Phillips, MD ('87), first developed an interest in medicine at 18. The Fairmont, West Virginia, native got word that his county was launching an EMS system and needed volunteers.

"I took an EMT course and served the very first shift on May 26, 1972," he said. "And I got the bug. I got the bug bad."

Passionate about helping the sick and injured, Dr. Phillips was serving as a volunteer with the Marion County Rescue Squad in his hometown, when he got his draft number for the Vietnam War.

"It was a low number, so I knew I was going to get drafted," he said. "If you were drafted, you went where they wanted you to go and did what they wanted you to do. But if you enlisted, you got to choose your specialty and where you wanted to go."

Dr. Phillips decided to enlist. He entered the U.S. Army as a medical corpsman and served for three years in a hospital emergency department at Fort Meade in Maryland. It was there that he decided to pursue a career in emergency medicine. While serving as a flight medic in the West Virginia National Guard and working as a firefighter and EMS administrator, Dr. Phillips applied to medical school at Marshall University.

He said the School of Medicine "took a chance" on him, for which he remains grateful.

"I'm thankful they looked at me from a life-experience standpoint," he said. "Because from an academic standpoint, I'm sure there was a question of, 'Can this guy make it through the first two years of medical school?'"

Those first two years were difficult, as it turns out, but Dr. Phillips’s military experience and EMT background served him well his third and fourth years. After graduating in 1987 and completing his emergency medicine residency at Akron General Medical Center in Akron, Ohio, Dr. Phillips began his career as an emergency physician, continuing to serve as a flight surgeon in the West Virginia and North Carolina Army National Guards.

Dr. Phillips worked in emergency departments in Ohio, North Carolina and South Carolina from 1990 to 2008 before starting an urgent care group with his wife — a former ICU nurse — and a fellow physician. They sold the thriving business in 2017.

"I'm thankful for the career I've had and the opportunities I've been given," Dr. Phillips said. "And it all started the day I was accepted into the Marshall School of Medicine."

Today, Dr. Phillips is committed to giving back. He established the Phillips Family Scholarship at the School of Medicine in 2021 to benefit first-year medical students with prior military service or in the active reserves. He has also made several trips abroad with
While Dan Phillips served as a flight medic in the West Virginia National Guard, he applied to the Marshall School of Medicine. Disaster relief and medical mission teams, starting with a trip to Haiti following the 2010 earthquake.

This year, Dr. Phillips has taken two mission trips related to the war in Ukraine. He traveled to Poland in March, and in August was in Ukraine in the Carpathian Mountains.

“During the first trip, we saw people who were escaping right as the war started. These were women and children and the elderly — no young men,” he said. “The second trip, we were treating people who’d been shot at. They’d been bombed. Russians were living in their houses. The stories they shared were eye-opening.”

Now, he’s waiting for the call to return to the war-torn region.

“If there’s a ceasefire, there’s going to be an enormous need for medical teams,” he explained. “We’re all waiting for the shooting to stop so that we can go help the towns that have been decimated by the war. I believe that I was given the gift of being a physician by God, and I want to do something significant with that gift.”

The love of a challenge is what inspired Kim Burgess, MD (’92), to enter both medicine and the military.

“In college I couldn’t decide whether I wanted to coach basketball and teach Spanish or become a physician,” she laughed. “I decided there wouldn’t be much challenge in coaching and teaching — so I decided to go to medical school.”

Born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, her family moved to Ashland, Kentucky, when she was 9-years old. It was when she was living there that she chose to attend the Marshall School of Medicine. Around the same time, she enlisted in the National Guard. Inspired by professors like Dr. Robert Walker, Dr. Ross Patton and Dr. Stephen Petrany, Dr. Burgess planned to pursue a career in family medicine. But during her orthopaedics rotation, she said, “a light bulb went off.”

“I really liked the idea of fixing things,” she said.

Dr. Burgess completed a family medicine residency and primary care sports medicine fellowship, then went on to complete her orthopaedic surgery residency before going into private practice in Charleston, West Virginia. The morning of Sept. 11, 2001, she was on call for orthopaedic trauma at Charleston Area Medical Center.

“I called our office manager and said, ‘I have a feeling that sometime in the future there’s going to be a phone call, and..."
when that phone call comes, I’m going to have to leave,” she recalled.

It was May 2002 when the call came, and by late summer, Dr. Burgess found herself in Bagram, Afghanistan. She primarily treated injured Afghans, many of whom refused to communicate with her because she was female. She deployed to Afghanistan once more in 2004 and to Landstuhl, Germany, in 2005. The hospital in Landstuhl was the first stop for wounded soldiers from the combat theaters, she explained.

“You triage, you take a look and you fix what you can,” she said, “but basically you’re seeing people with pretty significant injuries, and they’re going home.”

Dr. Burgess said that experience reminded her of what matters most in life: the people in it. She ended her full-time orthopedics career and began practicing as a locum tenens physician in 2006, traveling nationwide to fill temporary positions for areas in need. She also continued to serve in the Army Reserve and again deployed to Iraq in 2008.

Following a final deployment to Afghanistan in 2011, Dr. Burgess transferred from the Army Reserve to the National Guard. She served in the West Virginia National Guard for three years, then moved to the Montana National Guard, where she served for another three years.

“I pulled up my root ball and stuck it in the ground in Livingston, Montana,” she said.

Today, Dr. Burgess conducts compensation and pension exams for the VA. She sees patients with medical problems ranging from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to musculoskeletal issues to traumatic brain injuries. In a sense, she said, it’s a return to her roots in family medicine.

“Life, in a lot of ways, has come full circle,” she said.

To gain the Expert Infantryman Badge, Charles Clements participated in a 12-mile foot march on July 31, 1979. Candidates must complete a ruck march of 12 miles within three hours, carrying a rifle and load. The total load (including the rifle) may be up to 70 lbs.

For Charles Clements, MD (’97), it was 21 years of service in the U.S. Army that laid the groundwork for his medical career.

“I had really never considered medicine,” admitted the retired lieutenant colonel and field artillery officer. “About 12 years into my military service, I had a bunch of medics in my company; and to get them up to speed we all took an EMT course together. I thought, ‘Well, this is cool.’

Still, said the West Point alumnus, his plan was to move to West Virginia and teach science after retiring from the Army.

“I had an epiphany that said, ‘Nope, you’re going to do family medicine,’” he said. ‘I really had no idea what I was getting into.’

Dr. Clements took night classes to meet prerequisites, and in 1993 he applied to medical school at Marshall University — where he’s remained ever since. Dr. Clements is a family medicine physician at Marshall Health and a professor in the department of family and community health at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He also serves Coast Guard personnel as the primary care physician for the Huntington Safety Unit.

“I came to Marshall because I’m a mountain guy at heart,” said Dr. Clements, who has served on the National Ski Patrol for many years and is the medical director for Winterplace Ski Resort. “And I stayed at Marshall because I like what I’m doing.”

At Marshall, Dr. Clements teaches a wilderness medicine elective, on hiatus since the onset of COVID-19; he was also one of three founding physicians of Marshall Medical Outreach (MMO), a student-led mobile health clinic that provides medical care to the homeless, unemployed and other at-risk groups.

“Three medical students came to me one day and said, ‘We want to do a medical outreach for the homeless.’ And I said, ‘OK, let’s see
if we can get it organized,” he recalled. “The thing about MMO is it was a student idea. It’s student-run. My role has been to encourage, organize and help get things done.”

Dr. Clements’ military background came into play when MMO mobilized to Rainelle, West Virginia, after devastating floods in 2016. Using the organizational skills he acquired in the Army helped establish order and a system for recovery. “It was like deploying a military operation,” he said.

One former MMO participant and mentee of Dr. Clements is Sonja Dawsey, MD (’14), a gastroenterologist and active-duty major in the U.S. Air Force. She said the School of Medicine’s commitment to treating underserved populations is what led her to Marshall University.

After earning her Bachelor of Science in cellular and molecular biology from the University of Michigan, Dr. Dawsey worked in Africa and conducted research for two years, weighing whether she wanted to pursue a career in medicine.

“My experience in Africa was very powerful in shaping my decision,” said Dr. Dawsey, who worked as a research intern in Kenya at Tenwek Hospital, where she primarily cared for endoscopy patients.

After returning to the U.S., the Maryland native looked for a medical school with a commitment to treating underserved populations. She said Marshall’s rural medicine mission made it a perfect fit.

“Although it’s a very scary time in their lives, I hope to be somebody they can count on and someone who’s in their corner for the steps ahead,” she said. “I see a lot of military VIPs, but it’s really important to me to treat every patient like a VIP.”

As Dr. Dawsey prepares to separate from the Air Force in the coming years, she said she plans to use her medical and military experience to continue serving others, likely returning to Africa for work in the future.

“For me, working with the underserved has been the most rewarding part of medicine. It rejuvenates me and makes the long path that I chose worth it,” she said. “It rejuvenates me and makes the long path that I chose worth it. You can get burned out in medicine, but doing something with underserved populations brings the joy back into it. It takes you back to the reason you went to medical school.”

Katherine Pyles is a freelance writer living in Huntington, West Virginia. She is a graduate of Marshall University, where she was a member of the Society of Yeager Scholars.
When physicians establish a pattern of giving back to the communities they serve, they become better at their craft and their level of care increases. That is the mindset being instilled in students today at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

A perfect example of that philosophy is the Marshall Medical Outreach (MMO) program, which provides free medical care to the homeless population of Huntington. It was started by Josh Ferrell, MD, and Artina Lane, MD, both graduates of the Class of 2012.

After spending time at West Virginia University to study how their medical school students were caring for the homeless population in Morgantown, Ferrell and Lane brought that knowledge back to Huntington. They then partnered with other organizations that were help-
Medical and physician assistant students from the School of Medicine gave children a mini medical school experience at the Marshall Health Kids’ Korner at ChiliFest 2022 on Oct. 15.
made the creation of the MMO program possible, and Ferrell said his time spent giving back to the community made lasting impressions that he continues to put into practice today.

“At the heart of every physician is a desire to help others and to treat our fellow man with dignity and respect,” Ferrell noted. “The medical school at Marshall is there to serve the community of West Virginia and to treat patients that don’t have anywhere else to go for medical care. Instilling a service mentality early on in a clinician’s training puts them in a unique position to see that they really can make a difference.”

Another program at the medical school that encourages students to give back to those in need is the school’s learning communities. During first-year orientation, all medical students are sorted into one of six “houses;” the students in each house stay together through the duration of their medical school journey.

Learning community houses have partnered with community organizations like Facing Hunger Foodbank, the A.D. Lewis Center, Recovery Point, United Way of the River Cities and more. They also sponsor a holiday drive each December, raising money and taking donations to local elementary schools.

Fourth-year medical student Mindy Sharon said they are also always looking for more ways to support the community because it benefits their medical training.

“Providing these opportunities through learning communities allows for the development of humanity in medicine, which I consider a crucial part of our education,” she said.

Marshall Medical Outreach, a monthly student-led free mobile health clinic, offers the area’s homeless population on-site clinical and social services.

Involving children in STEM learning, Taylor Pearson is president of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) Chapter at Marshall and is currently volunteering at Spring Hill Elementary in Huntington.
"At the end of the day, you have to remember your ‘why,’ and for me, that’s my future patients.”

Being involved with the Learning Communities, as well as MMO, has allowed Sharon to develop leadership and communication skills as she prepares for a future in emergency medicine.

“I love being involved with a boots-on-the-ground organization that allows me to be active in the community from a public health perspective, while also getting some practice at working toward becoming a resident physician,” Sharon said.

Taylor Pearson, class of 2025, is president of Marshall’s Chapter of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA), a program aimed at diversity and inclusion in medicine. Pearson said one of the organization’s biggest goals is to inspire children to become involved in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning, and its members are currently volunteering at Spring Hill Elementary.

“We talk to the kids and make connections. We want them to see that people who look like them can excel in the field of science,” Pearson said. “We’re trying to show the next generation that they too should aspire to be physicians.”

Another student led organization started by a medical student is the Fairfield U Mentor Program. Jacob R. Kilgore, MD (22), founded the initiative that connects mentors with children in Huntington’s Fairfield community. The program obtained non-profit status and was officially launched in June 2021. It provides direct mentorship for children in the Fairfield community. All children between the ages of 12 and 18 are accepted into the program. The only ongoing requirement for mentees is active participation in the program.

“We hope to not only instill community pride in our mentors but also into our mentees,” Kilgore said. “These children are brilliant and possess wonderful character. They have powerful aspirations and goals. With mentorship, guidance and exposure, we’re working to ensure they can reach their full potential. Community service is humbling. There’s no better feeling than positively impacting the life of another human being.”

Yet another example of service is Nick Dolan, a student in the class of 2023, who created an outdoor fitness park in his hometown of Madison, West Virginia. Named the Robert “Parker” Graffius Memorial Outdoor Fitness Park in honor of Dolan’s childhood friend, its goal is to improve the health of the people in the community. Because Madison has some of the highest rates of obesity, diabetes and heart disease in the state, Dolan knew the park would have an impact.

“It means everything to me that I had the opportunity to give back to an area that has given so much to me,” Dolan said. “If this park can help improve the health of just a handful of people, I will consider it a success.”

Dolan said community outreach is important for future doctors because people from underserved areas may not have access to the facilities, services and healthcare to better their lives.

“Doctors have the knowledge, skillset and unique opportunity to improve the lives of people living in communities they serve. And isn’t that what being a leader is all about?”

Amanda Larch is a freelance writer living in Hurricane, West Virginia.
For optimal care, medical professionals need to be as diverse as the patients they serve.

By Amy Deal

Research has shown that when diverse patients see themselves within the health care workforce, they are more likely to trust their health care provider.

— Shelvy Campbell-Monroe, PhD
Associate Dean for Diversity & Inclusion at the Marshall University Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy
Dr. Campbell-Monroe believes strongly that lives literally depend on diversity.
In a world comprising different races, genders and sexual orientations, it is imperative that medical practitioners be as diverse as the people they treat. Diversity and inclusion are at the heart of patient care, and cultural competency and sensitivity are central to bridging the gaps that currently exist.

Studies have shown that including and involving people of all backgrounds, experiences and identities brings new ideas to the table when it comes to patient care. Underrepresented individuals, whether economically disadvantaged, from marginalized gender identities or historically underrepresented minorities, often do not feel heard or feel misunderstood when it comes to their health care. One approach in addressing this complex disparity is to diversify our caregivers. If patients are represented at all levels of their care, this creates a more successful partnership that fosters trust and transparency. These factors have been shown to directly influence treatment, compliance and satisfaction.

According to Shelvy Campbell-Monroe, PhD, associate dean for diversity and inclusion at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Marshall University School of Pharmacy, lives literally depend on diversity.

“Think of the numerous individuals who enter hospitals and clinics every day seeking help,” she said. “Research has shown that when diverse patients see themselves within the health care workforce, they are more likely to trust their health care provider, they communicate their condition better, they are more likely to understand and follow their prescribed treatment and they are more satisfied with their health care.”

To increase exposure and interest in their mission to bring diversity to the medical profession, the staff of the Office of Diversity...
and Inclusion work with local school boards, community colleges and universities to recruit a diverse number of students to the medical school. They focus their efforts on historically underrepresented minorities and economically disadvantaged students. The transition to medical school can be challenging for many students. They face financial obstacles and at times a lack of guidance in navigating the overwhelming process of medical school matriculation. They may also lack a structured support system once they are accepted into medical school, notably among health care professionals with whom they can identify. Thus, the obstacles in representation are not mitigated with matriculation alone.

To help with these barriers, programs such as the Premedical Mentoring Advising Program (PMAP) and Project Providing Real-World Experiences for Future Marshall-Educated Doctors (Project PREMED) are a crucial part of fostering diversity at the medical school. PMAP prepares undergraduate students for admission to the medical school by utilizing academic and professional mentors, alongside MCAT exam preparation and monthly meetings that further guide students.

Project PREMED is designed to expose students of color to the life of a medical student. These students visit the medical school campus, tour the facilities, attend classes and have meetings with faculty members. Participants are also paired with medical students who serve as mentors during their time in the program.

Kendalyn McDaniel and Jovon Cobbs, both current medical students, said the School of Medicine’s diversity program played an important role in their decision to attend the school.

“It was encouraging to see that there was a diversity program implemented at the school and that it was active,” McDaniel said.

“There was a different weight to seeing a school that recognized the strength in diversity and actively engages in efforts to improve and increase it within the school.”

Cobbs, a former participant in Project PREMED, said the program provided him a multitude of resources that will help him throughout his time in medical school.

“I look at it as an opportunity to change the status quo by bringing aspects of your culture, personality and passions,” he said. “Change never happens overnight, but taking that first step brings us a little closer to seeing a future that is beneficial for everyone.”

Partners from Marshall University’s main campus that work with the Diversity and Inclusion office include Intercultural Affairs, the LGBTQ+ office, the Women’s Center, Marshall University libraries and the schools of physical therapy and pharmacy. In addition to Dr. Campbell-Monroe, staff at the Office of Diversity and Inclusion are also passionate about the program’s success and the value it brings to medicine. Academic and Research Program Specialist Sharmaine Lewis, DO, MS, said she believes that diversity cannot be discussed in a vacuum, and diversity in medicine is a multifaceted issue that must have fresh and innovative approaches.

Dr. Campbell-Monroe said she hopes that as more light is shed on the need for diversity in health care, people will come to understand that, ultimately, the goal is to provide the best possible care for all patients.

Amy Deal is a West Virginia native and freelance writer living in Barboursville.
CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATION & INVESTITURE

On April 29, 2022, the School of Medicine celebrated the time-honored tradition of graduation and investiture at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center, with Marshall University President Brad D. Smith conferring 65 Doctor of Medicine (MD) and two combined Doctor of Medicine-Doctor of Philosophy (MD/PhD) degrees.

The class of 2022

Dr. Japri N. Miller is hooded by her cousin, Dr. Carnai Simpson.

Inaugural members of the BS/MD program are pictured with Program Director Jennifer Plymale and former Program Coordinator Eric Hardin-Miller.

Class President John Castillo, MD, delivers the address to his class.

Dr. Arrin C. Brooks sends a thumbs up on earning her MD/PhD!
CLASS OF 2022 MATCH DAY

(Above) Somaiah Ahmed is excited about her pediatrics match at Tower Health/ St. Christopher’s Hospital in Philadelphia.

(Right) A Family Affair: Rachel, current medical student, Mason (’22), Sarah and Larry Dial, MD (’99), celebrate Mason’s match.

(Left) Class Treasurer Jake Kuzbel smiles at his Urology match to the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

(Above) Brian and Tori Beth Snoad celebrate with Interim Dean Bobby Miller, MD (’97) after couples matching to Penn State/Hershey Medical Center.
## Residency Matches for the Class of 2022

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**CLASS STATS**

- 100% Match
- 10 members of class represented the inaugural BS/MD cohort
- Two MD/PhD graduates
- Endowed a $25,000 class scholarship in 2022 for first-generation physicians
Many Thanks

2021-2022 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. The faculty, staff and students are exceptionally 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.

Your continued generosity creates limitless possibilities for the future of the School of Medicine while providing resources that open doors for the next generation of physicians, cutting-edge medical care and research.

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James P. Clark II, MD
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J. Beth Day, MD
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Bruce J. Kowalski, MD
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Eric A. Morgan, MD
Steven Pribanich III, MD
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Friday G. Simpson, MD
M. Teresa Vives, MD
Tsailing Wang, MD

CLASS OF 1990
(37 members, 1 deceased, 30% participation)
Jayne A. Barr, MD
R. Todd Chambers, MD
Eric S. Eanes, MD
Greta V. Guyer, MD
Terry L. 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, 23% participation)
Clark D. Adkins, MD
Robert C. Anton, MD
Michael G. Douglas, MD
Karen E. Clark Gerbo, MD
Michael W. Gibbs, MD
Trudi L. Rash, MD
Debra J. Sultz, MD
W. Matthew Zban, MD

CLASS OF 1988
(42 members, 1 deceased, 24% participation)
M. Wayne Bosserman, MD
Sally L. Brooks, MD
Ignacio Cardenas, MD
Carolyn A. Cline, MD
Joan A. Lynch, MD
James M. Mears, MD
James F. O’Neal, MD
Mitsuko P. Shannon, MD
M. Catherine Slusher, MD
Sheryl L. Stephens, MD

CLASS OF 1987
(40 members, 3 deceased, 23% participation)
Elaine L. Flanders, MD
John A. Hoffman, MD
Eric W. Janssen, MD
Joanne M. Lebow, MD
Mary Nan Mallory, MD
Kenneth F. O’Neil, MD
Donna J. Slayton, MD
Kevin S. Smith, MD
Larry W. Watson, MD
Marc A. Workman, MD

CLASS OF 1986
(46 members, 3 deceased, 23% participation)
Simon K. Chang, MD
Cheryl L. Cook, MD
F. Mark Goodwin, MD
Scot D. Hines, MD
Michael J. Nerenberg, MD
Sarah C. Rochester, MD
Geno V. Romano, MD
Helen R. Thornton, MD
Kevin J. Willis, MD
Dean H. Woodard, MD
Kevin W. Yingling, MD

CLASS OF 1985
(34 members, 2 deceased, 34% participation)
Evelyn R. Rector Banks, MD
Timothy D. Canterbury, MD
Robert A. Hess, MD
Michael A. Istfan, MD
C. Douglas Phillips, MD
Ezra B. Riber, MD
Susan A. Terry, MD
Donnah S. Wolodkin Whitaker, MD
Christopher J. Whitten, MD

CLASS OF 1983
(36 members, 1 deceased, 26% participation)
Gerald G. Blackwell, MD
Lou Gene Bartram, MD
Ronald W. DeAndrade Jr., MD
W. Douglas Given, MD
Garrie J. Haas Jr., MD
John L. Hahn, MD
R. Mark Hatfield, MD
Hobart K. Richey, MD
William S. Sheils Jr., MD

CLASS OF 1982
(23 members, 2 deceased, 29% participation)
Joseph E. Evans, MD
Rose Anne Goodwin, MD
James W. Matthews, MD
Ron D. Stollings, MD
Thomas B. StyER, MD
Curtis A. Winter, MD

CLASS OF 1981
(18 members, 2 deceased, 37% participation)
C. Dwight Groves, MD
Douglas C. McCorkle, MD
Nina K. Smith, MD
Stephen C. Smith, MD
John F. Toney, MD
Robert E. Turner, MD

Of the 1,882 School of Medicine living graduates representing the classes of 1981-2018 and the class of 2020, there were 311 donors for an overall participation of 16%.
“The Class of 2022 is pleased to endow a scholarship in our collective names to be awarded to a first-generation physician,” said John R. Castillo, MD, president of the Class of 2022. “As many of us saw firsthand the benefit of reducing the debt medical school graduates incur, it’s an honor to help pay it forward to the future physician graduates of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.”

JOHN COOKE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The new scholarship established by Curtis A. “Curt” Winter, MD (’82), and his wife, Cynthia, honors the legacy of Cynthia’s ancestors — the John Cooke family in southern West Virginia. The Cooke family was among the first settlers in present-day Wyoming and Logan counties in West Virginia. The scholarship gives first preference to entering Marshall medical students from Logan or Wyoming county and renewable for up to three additional years. Second preference is designated for any medical student from Logan or Wyoming county and renewable for the remainder of their time in medical school.

“Hundreds, if not thousands, of past and present Wyoming County citizens are descendants of John and Nellie Cooke, so it seems fitting that Cynthia and I give a hand up to deserving medical students, as others have done for me throughout my medical career,” Dr. Winter said. “Inspired by the poem, ‘The Bridge Builder,’ we decided it was time to give back to the school and community that gave us so much.”

DR. ROBERT J. AND MRS. SUZANNE J. CURE SCHOLARSHIP

Robert J. “Rob” Cure, MD, grew up in Gary, West Virginia, in McDowell County. He and his wife, Suzanne, established an endowed scholarship in memory of Rob’s parents, Sidney “Sid” and Maria Cure, that honors his southern West Virginia roots.

“We chose to support students from southern West Virginia because I take great pride in my heritage and origin from this underserved area that forms the true backbone of the state,” Dr. Cure said. “I also wanted to pay homage to parents who gave me the strength, courage and determination to fulfill my dream of becoming a physician.”

The new scholarship is designated for an entering medical student.
New Scholarships

from McDowell County, with second preference to a student from Mercer, Mingo or Wyoming counties, and third preference to a student from Boone or Logan counties. Dr. Cure is a diagnostic radiologist practicing with Radiology, Inc. He served as president of the School of Medicine Alumni Association from 2020 to 2022.

DR. GEORGE GEVAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

George Gevas, MD, delivered more than 10,000 babies over the span of his 40-year career as an obstetrician-gynecologist in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He was known for his bedside manner and meticulous surgical skills.

From an early age, he instilled patience and perseverance in his granddaughter, Mary E. Smyrnioudis, MD ('09), who would go on to follow in his footsteps in medicine as an emergency medicine physician in South Carolina. Dr. Smyrnioudis has memorialized the love and devotion to medicine her grandfather showed throughout his career with a new scholarship for students at the School of Medicine designated for an entering first-year medical student with first preference given to students from Wood County, West Virginia.

Dr. Gevas passed away in 2018 at the age of 93.

DR. JEROME A “JERRY” GILBERT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship honors the leadership and accomplishments of former Marshall University President Jerome A. Gilbert, PhD. The endowed scholarship is designated for entering first-year medical students with first preference given to an underrepresented minority as identified by the American Medical Association and is renewable for up to three years.

During his tenure at Marshall, Dr. Gilbert championed the health and wellbeing of the community, medical education, research and diversity. He was recognized by the West Virginia Martin Luther King Jr. State Holiday Commission with its 2019 “Living the Dream Award” in the area of scholarship.

HARLER-PERDONCIN SCHOLARSHIP

Mary Beth Harler, MD ('93), started her medical career at Marshall University in 1989 with dreams of making a difference. The Glenville, West Virginia, native trained as a general surgeon at Brown University’s Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, where she was also a research fellow with a focus on the role of immune cells in wound healing. Dr. Harler currently serves as president of IGM Autoimmunity and Inflammation.

The scholarship, jointly named to honor Harler’s daughter Madeline Perdoncin, a Marshall medical student, is designated for an entering first-year student from her home county, Marshall County, West Virginia, and is renewable for up to three years. Second preference will be given as a one-time award to a medical student from Marshall County and third preference as a one-time award to a student from the adjacent West Virginia counties of Ohio or Wetzel.

JACK L. KINDER JR., MD, AND BRADLEY D. HENRY, MD, SCHOLARSHIP

Bradley D. Henry, MD, and Jack L. Kinder Jr., MD, both class of 1991, have been friends for more than 30 years, since their early days as classmates at the School of Medicine. Over the years, their friendship has continued to grow, and they have teamed up to support future medical students where their friendship began.

Following medical school, Dr. Henry completed an internal medicine residency at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, while Dr. Kinder completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine/Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1998, the duo established Drs. Henry, Kinder & Associates, PLLC, as a private internal medicine practice based in Charleston, West Virginia.

This scholarship is designated for an entering medical student from Boone County, West Virginia, and second preference to a student from Cabell County, West Virginia, and is renewable for up to three years.

DR. M. ANN KUHN SCHOLARSHIP

The path to medicine is different for every student. M. Ann Kuhn, MD ('96), did not enter medical school directly after earning her bachelor’s degree at West Virginia Wesleyan College. She worked in the chemistry field and the chemistry depart-
ment at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, for several years until deciding to pursue a career in medicine. Dr. Kuhn now serves as medical director of vascular access and trauma services at the Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters in Norfolk, Virginia.

“I decided a few years after college to change my career path,” Dr. Kuhn said. “This nontraditional change is difficult for many reasons, especially the additional financial obligations combined with the loss of income from a full-time job. Marshall’s School of Medicine offered me a second chance to earn my medical degree, and I took on additional debt to fulfill this dream. I established this scholarship to assist those who, like me, choose the path less traveled.”

The Dr. M. Ann Kuhn Scholarship is for nontraditional entering medical students and is renewable for up to three years.

**DR. FRIDAY G. SIMPSON SCHOLARSHIP**

Huntington-based primary care physician Friday G. Simpson, MD (’91) established a new scholarship for a fourth-year medical student at Marshall who matches in a primary care residency in West Virginia.

Dr. Simpson is a native of Biloxi, Mississippi, who relocated to Huntington after meeting her late husband, Ted. Following a 14-year career as a commercial charter pilot, Dr. Simpson followed her dream of becoming a physician and enrolled in Marshall, where she earned her Bachelor of Science followed by her Doctor of Medicine and family medicine residency. After residency, Dr. Simpson went into private practice, where she continues to practice as “Doctor Friday.”

**DR. GAGAN J. SINGH SCHOLARSHIP**

Gagan J. Singh, MD, is passionate about providing care to West Virginia’s eastern panhandle and hopes to inspire others to do the same through this scholarship at the School of Medicine. A Maryland native and cornea specialist, Dr. Singh relocated to West Virginia in 2004 to start a private ophthalmology practice, the Medical Eye Center, in Charles Town, West Virginia, and Germantown, Maryland.

“My interest is to create synergy for Jefferson County, West Virginia, and encourage young physicians to return to the area after they complete their medical education and provide medical care in that area,” Dr. Singh said.

The scholarship is designated for an entering first-year medical student that has demonstrated high academic achievement. Recipients will commit to serve a minimum of two years in Jefferson County after completion of their postgraduate training. Of course, Dr. Singh also hopes recipients will choose to continue practicing in the community beyond their two-year commitment.

**ROY WELLMAN ENDED SCHOLARSHIP**

Three Marshall medical alumni — cousins Samuel Wellman Jr., MD (’83), Marc Workman, MD (’86) and James Spears II, MD (’87) — established a scholarship in honor of their late grandfather and Wayne County, West Virginia, native, Roy Wellman. Roy was always on hand to help a neighbor in need and always saw the best in people.

The cousins agree that the example set by their grandfather was a motivating factor in their decisions to pursue careers in medicine, citing his compassion and care for those he served throughout his life. As a country store owner, he provided vital lines of credit to his neighbors in need, and as a banker, he always treated his clients as friends and neighbors. Roy Wellman always saw the best in the men and women in his community, his grandchildren said.

The new scholarship is designated for Marshall medical students from Wayne County.

**DR. MYRA L. WILKERSON SCHOLARSHIP**

Myra L. Wilkerson, MD (’94), and Stephen M. Wilkerson established a renewable endowed scholarship for entering first-year medical students with first reference to students who are residents of Kanawha County, where the Wilkersons called home for more than 30 years.

A native of Nitro, West Virginia, Dr. Wilkerson earned her B.S. in Medical Technology from Marshall University and worked as a medical technologist and clinical instructor for several years until entering medical school. She now serves as chair of the Department of Laboratory Medicine and the Geisinger Diagnostic Medicine Institute for Geisinger Health and the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine. Stephen Wilkerson is also a two-time graduate of Marshall University and a retired lecturer from the Sigmund Weis School of Business at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.
Thank you to the generous alumni, families, faculty, friends and patients who provided scholarship support to the following Marshall medical students during the 2021-2022 academic year. We honor your dedication to the future of medicine.

JAMES F. & JOAN C. EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

Class of 2023
Garima Agarwal, Garrett Boggs, Jaimeet Chhabra, Brent Horswell, Brianna Roberts Canales, Hannah Rowe, Patrick Thomas

Class of 2025
Colby Gresak, Dontreyl Holsey, Abigail Samson

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I am so thankful to our alumni and community for their support for my classmates and me. Scholarships lighten the load on medical students’ shoulders by relieving some of the stress that comes along with money.
— Taylor Pearson, Class of 2025
Columbus, Ohio

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Joel Canner
John Castillo
Andrew Cottrill
Deena Dahshan
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Mason Dial
Holly Farkosh
Emily Fletcher
Nathaniel Gallagher
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Wai Fung Hau
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Kaustav Mukherjee
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Jessica Roth
Mariam Shabih
Mitchell Shelton
Tori Snoad
Evan Stalnaker
Ava Tennant
Amrita Valluri
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### Class of 2024

Heba Boustaney, Caleb Clark, Taylor Fleshman, John Goelne, Lady Kesler Ferguson, Justin Merritt, Zachary Mitchell, Danielle Roth, Liam Skiffington, Graham Sutherland, Jessica Tall, Kathyrn Taylor, Madison Wall, Zachary Wright

### Class of 2025

I chose Marshall because of the community, and each year when I am fortunate enough to be awarded a student scholarship, I am reminded of that community. It’s the continued support of our alumni and friends that inspires me, as well as my classmates, to give back to our school.

— Joe Chirico, Class of 2023
Huntington, West Virginia

Student scholarships are so important to furthering my education and allow me to have some peace of mind while going through my education. It means the world to me that our dedicated alumni continuously support our School of Medicine. I am forever grateful to them.

— Juan Hernandez-Pelcastre, Class of 2024
Salem, Virginia

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Jennifer L. Bennett Grube, MD  1996  Virginia A. Franklin
Kathyryne J. Blair, MD  2013  Grace Cornelius
Dr. Joshua A. & Whitney A. Boggs  2010/2011  Vincent Coleman
Kathrina B. Briggs, MD  1992  Eric T. Lewandowski
William R. Brooks Jr., MD  1986  Kristen D. Sanders
Peter A. Chirico, MD  Faculty  William T. Snider
Peter A. Chirico, MD  Faculty  Emily K. Yablonsky
Peter A. Chirico, MD  Faculty  Margaret L. Dransfield
Amy R. Conley, MD  1998  Alexxys M. Bolden
Robert J. Cure, MD  1998  A. Alexx Torres
Dr. Jerry A. & Mrs. Kelli L. Dague  2000  Alexander G. Dague
Jerry A. Dague, MD  2000  Brianna L. Singer
Basem A. Dahshan, MD  2018  Vijay Bharti
Samuel R. Davis, MD  1983  Tion E. Stickley
Dr. J. Beth Day & Mr. Jim G. Bracewell  1991  Sarah A. Hoard
Larry D. Dial Jr., MD  1999  Rachel M. Dial
Drs. Ronald deAndrade & Kim M. Jordan  1983/1982  Omobolaji R. Fawole
Drs. Forrest S. Harrison & Megan E. Docherty  2011  Jonathan A. Groves
Eric S. Eanes, MD  2016  Alexander J. Albuquerque
Joseph E. Evans, MD  1982  Anderson G. White
Joshua C. Ferrell, MD  2012  Madelyn N. Ross
Drs. Adrian S. & Amy L. Garmestani  2001  Skyler Y. Cooper
Adrian S. Garmestani, MD  2001  Tanner S. Way
Jeffry T. Gee, MD  1996  Colton T. Smith
Robert B. Gray, MD  1999  Ala-Eddin Y. Al-Ashtal
Curtis W. Harrison Jr.  1998  David W. Reed II
Dr. R. Mark & Mrs. Monica J.W. Hatfield  1983  Nkechi N. Uradu
Christopher E. Hayner, MD  1987  Ian E. H. DePew
Erich R. Heinz, MD  1995  Mathew C. Dudich
Tracy L. Hendershot, MD  2008  Ashton R. McDonald
Joshua F. Hendrix, MD  2014  M. Alexander Simpkins
Elizabeth M. Herber, MD  2005  Lily G. Cessna
Robert A. Hess, MD  1984  Brandon M. Bullock
Jonathan A. Hess, MD  2012  Samuel C. Casto
Jonathan A. Hess, MD  2012  Johnathon D. Terango
Scott D. Hines, MD  1985  Katherine E. Steele
Eric W. Irwin, MD  2002  Thomas P. Mosman
Shannon N. James, MD  2013  Katherine R. Germann
Mary B. Jenkins, MD  1993  Rosheka A. Beckford
Mr. James L. & Mrs. Selena M. John  Friends  Ella K. Boggs
Mr. James L. & Mrs. Selena M. John  Friends  Holly E. Edwards
Dr. Joseph L. & Mrs. Lori C. Joyce  1997  Frederick W. Crow IV
Susanna A. Kapourales, MD  2011  Sophia N. Ollashirazi
Robert W. Keefer, MD  1982  Ashalia Aggarwal
Joseph M. King, MD  2007  Donovan J. Spencer

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Dr. Jay R. & Mrs. Kailin A. Lakhani  2007  Aidan E. Keavary
Paul S. Lee, MD  1994  Garrett S. Douglas
Eric L. Leonard, MD  1997  Rita Mattar
Will T. Lester, MD  2020  Andrew T. Lester
Patricia A. Lutz-Lee, MD  1994  Lauren C. J. Fife
Aaron M. McGuffin, MD  1999  Tristan M. D. Patton
James M. Mears, MD  1988  Alyssa D. Milbee
Nimson K. Mehta, MD  1997  Kara L. Piechowski
Drs. Kelly E. & Kristina B. Melvin  2005  Madison L. Bowles
Dr. Bobby L. & Mr. Eric K. Hardin Miller  1997  Dominic M. Collins
Mario R. Morenas, MD  1995  Claire E. Souci
J. Jeff Mullins, MD  2010  Clay V. Willis
Michael J. Nerenberg, MD  1985  Kyle C. Pajartio
Nancy B. Norton, MD  1999  Esther R. Masayi
Leslie A. Pack Ranken, MD  2006  Mackenzie A. Miller
Danny M. Phillips, MD  1987  Payton S. Fitchpatrick
Drs. Danny R. & Nicole M. Pizzino Jr.  2008  Bridgette L. King
Dr. Steven & Mrs. Veronica Pribanich III  1991  S. Alex Pribanich IV
Gary W. Procop, MD  1992  Annabella G. Pauley
Ezra B. Riber, MD  1984  Sneh N. Patel
Charlotte A. Rhee, MD  1991  Bukola M. Adesihina
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Dr. Thomas J. & Mrs. Aimee R. Rittinger  1999  Alyssa M. Stricklen
Dr. R. Mark & Mrs. Monica J.W. Hatfield  1983  Nicholas A. Freeman
Dr. Mark F. & Mrs. Janet L. Sheridan  1987  Laura A. Farr
Tina M. Sias, MD  1992  R. Blake Dalton
Friday G. Simpson, MD  1991  Anna K. Mayo
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Sandra L. Skar, MD  1997  Amanda M. Sugre
Ryan K. Skeens, MD  2012  Emily G. Saurborn
Drs. Alexander H. & Sarah E. Slocum  2015  Olivia C. Hart
Mr. Terry A. & Mrs. Amy M. Smith  Faculty  Nicholas K. Coker
Stephen C. Smith, MD  1981  Joshua H. Eastman
Abigail E. Smith, MD  2017  Benjamin W. Clark
Dr. Kevin C. & Mrs. Tammy C. Smith  1986  Sophia D. Shank
Mary E. Smyrnious, MD  2009  Kailey B. Stuart
Bryan D. Springer, MD  1999  Maya E. Gordon
Mr. Timothy B. & Mrs. Terri L. Stanley  Family  Mattie F. Hanna
Kevan V. Stewart, MD  2010  Alec M. Phelps
Thomas B. Styer, MD  1982  Myshak S. Abdi
Steven A. Taylor, MD  2010  Jake S. Peterson
Drs. Price S. & Enn M. Ward  2012  Zane D. Griffith
Larry W. Watson, MD  1986  Jovon M. Cobbs
Julie A. Wesp, MD  2011  Jacob A. Clark
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Kevin J. Willis, MD  1985  Deidre A. Skiffington
Marc A. Workman, MD  1986  Andrew M. Yanok
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Sponsors: Class of 2026

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Michael D. Amos, MD  2019  Dr. Nancy B. & Mr. P. Nolan Graham  1987  Dr. James T. & Mrs. Kimberly W. Holbrook  1987
William R. Brooks Jr., MD  1986  Dr. R. Mark & Mrs. Monica J.W. Hatfield  1983  Devin A. King, MD  1999
Frank E. Fumich, MD  1999  Scot D. Hines, MD  1985  James A. Mullins, MD  2000

Class of 2026
Class Notes

1980s

Michael E. “Mike” Kilkenny, ’82, is vice president of the National Association of County and City Health Officials. He is a family practice physician and serves as CEO and health officer of the Cabell-Huntington Health Department.

Curtis A. Winter, ’82, and his wife, Cynthia, have become grandparents again—Clark Philip on Aug. 8, 2022, and James Beau on Sept. 27, 2022. These are their fifth and sixth grandchildren (four boys and two girls).

Michael K. Hurst, ’88, also a doctor of dental surgery, retired January 2022 from West Virginia University’s Department of Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery. He and his wife, Kara, have moved to Bluffton, South Carolina.

Reginald J. McClung, ’83, retired on June 30, 2022, 39 years after graduating medical school. He is a former president of the West Virginia State Medical Association. His daughter, Kristen McClung Payne, graduated in the Class of 2012.

Mark A. Studeny, ’86, is senior associate dean for physician collaboration and student engagement at MUSOM. He was previously chair of cardiology.

Randall F. Hawkins, ’87, was elected to the position of medical staff president at Pleasant Valley Hospital (PVH) in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. He is an internal medicine physician at PVH.

Hurst was class president in 1988.

Pamela S. Stallo, ’89, is working remotely as medical director for Aetna Region 3 Managed Care, which comprises Kentucky, Florida and Louisiana. Aetna is a division of CVS Health, a Fortune 5 company with 300,000 employees nationwide.

2000s

Camtu L. Jones, ’00, is a radiation oncologist at the Center’s group of family practitioners at the outpatient clinic in Elkins, West Virginia.

Samia Turner, ’03, is medical director and health officer for the Putnam County (West Virginia) Health Department. She is also owner and medical director for Turner Medical and Almost Heaven Spa in Cross Lanes.

Kelly L. McClain, ’05, is a pediatrician with Parkersburg (West Virginia) Family Care at Emerson Medical Center.

1990s

Kimberly A. “Kim” Oxley, ’94, is a pediatrician at Little River Medical Center in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Richard A. “Tony” Aprea, ’97, is chief medical officer of WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital.

William C. “Bill” Dalton, ’98, is with Davis Medical Center’s group of family practitioners at the outpatient clinic in Elkins, West Virginia.
Jay R. Lakhani, ’07, and his wife, Kait, welcomed their fifth child on June 20, 2022. Son Daniel joins a brother and three sisters. Lakhani practices in Cabell Huntington Hospital’s Emergency Department.

Noeet Elitsur, ’08, and husband, Ryan O’Donnell, welcomed a girl, Neta, on June 13, 2021. Elitsur is a neonatologist at Nemours Children’s Health at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Erica L. Smith, ’08, is a maternal fetal medicine fellow at the University of Florida, after practicing as a general OB-GYN for nearly a decade.

2010s

Andrea M. Lauffer, ’10, is the chief health officer of Cabell County schools and was named to The State Journal’s Generation Next: 40 Under 40 for 2022. Double board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics, Lauffer works as a hospitalist with Marshall Health and as an assistant professor at Marshall University. She is also president-elect of the School of Medicine Alumni Association.

Kimberly R. Becher, ’11, is chief medical officer at Community Care of West Virginia (CCWV). She joined CCWV in 2014 as a family physician at Community Care’s health center location in Clay.

Rebecca L. Byard, ’11, is a primary care physician at Direct Care Physicians of Pittsburgh.

Courtney L. McLean, ’11, is the director of the neonatology fellowship at University of Nebraska Medical Center and Children’s Hospital in Omaha.

Megan M. Thomas, ’11, practices maternal fetal medicine with the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Jonathan M. White, ’11, completed seminary and in March 2022 started CrossPointe Family Church in Teays Valley, West Virginia. The family now has four children after adopting a daughter from Columbia. White also practices at Valley Health in Milton, West Virginia.

Gargi Bajpayee, ’12, and her husband, Jason Filope, welcomed a boy, Jeet Filopei, on Jan. 16, 1922. Bajpayee is a cardiologist and assistant professor of cardiology at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City.

Lisa Bajpayee, ’12, and husband, Majd M. Mouded, MD, welcomed their first child, a girl, Zeena, on May 15, 2022. She is a pulmonologist at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.


Adam T. Short, ’13, and his wife, Jenna DeVoss-Short, welcomed a son, Rhett William, on March 15, 2022. Adam is an orthopedic surgeon, specializing in foot and ankle surgery, at College Square, part of Coplin Health Systems.
Class Notes

Congratulations to alumni recognized as recipients of the 2021 Dean’s Awards of Excellence!

Excellence in Mentorship
MATTHEW B. CURRY, ’13
Family Medicine

Clinical Care
CHRISTOPHER L. DEWES, ’97
Pediatrics

Faculty Impact
ADAM M. FRANKS, ’99
Family Medicine

Women in Medicine & Science Advancement
ELIZABETH A. SAUNDERS, ’07
Internal Medicine

Rural Preceptor
MORGAN C. STICKLER, ’17
Family Medicine

Excellence in Service
ELLEN A. THOMPSON, ’96
Cardiology

Women in Medicine & Science Distinguished Woman
PAULETTE S. WEHNER, ’89
Cardiology

Rhett William Short
Knoxville Orthopaedic Clinic in Tennessee.

Scott R. Studeny, ’13, is assistant professor of pediatrics at UK Healthcare. Scott and his wife, Emily, have three children, Lucy Catherine, 6; Connor, 2; and Jack, born in 2022.

Jill A. Goodwin Putnam ’14, and her husband Phil welcomed son Jesse on Oct. 22, 2022. He joins siblings Jack and Tavie. Proud grandmother is Rose A. Goodwin (‘82). Dr. Putnam recently joined the orthopaedic department at The Ohio State University where she specializes in hand and upper extremity care.

Sonja P. Dawsey, ’14, and David Chang were married Aug. 31, 2021, in Maine. Dawsey is in the interview process for her post-military life. Chang is an infectious disease specialist for the U.S. Army.

Rebecca M. Hayes, ’14, is one of 15 recipients of the 2022 Geiger Gibson Emerging Leader Award. She is with Community Health Care in Davenport, Iowa. The award honors young professionals from community health centers and primary care associations across the county whose work embodies the spirit of the health center movement.

Miranda E. Rose, ’14, relocated to Scarbro, West Virginia, and is practicing primary care at the MedExpress.

Sonja Dawsey and David Chang say “I do.”

Women in Medicine & Science

ELIZABETH A. SAUNDERS, ’07
Internal Medicine

MORGAN C. STICKLER, ’17
Family Medicine

ELLEN A. THOMPSON, ’96
Cardiology

PAULETTE S. WEHNER, ’89
Cardiology
Urgent Care in Beckley, West Virginia. She was previously in Canton, Ohio.

Ravi A. Viradia, ’14, was selected for membership in Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis where he is completing a hand, plastic and reconstruction fellowship. He was also part of the team to win first place as well as the Innovation of the Year Award as part of the Tank challenge at the American Society of Plastic Surgeons’ 2021 annual meeting.

Dennis F. Cole, ’16, joined HCA Tristar as a neurohospitalist in Nashville after completing his vascular neurology fellowship at Vanderbilt University. He and Dr. Lauren Cole were married Oct. 29, 2021, and are welcomed their first child Walter Franklin Cole on Nov. 8, 2022.

Chad B. Crigger, ’16, married Samantha Smith on Oct. 15, 2022, in Bethany Beach, Delaware. Crigger is completing a pediatric and robotic urology fellowship at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, MD, and will join the Johns Hopkins pediatric urology department in summer 2023 focusing on major congenital birth defects.

Mohammad A. Halaibeh, ’16, joined the interventional radiology division at Northwell Health in Manhasset, New York.

Angela M. Theiss, ’16, is a pathologist at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Putnam Physicians in Bennington, Vermont.

Paul V. Viscuse and Brittany L. Wall Viscuse, both Class of 2016, have joined University of Virginia Health in Charlottesville, Virginia. Brittany is a pediatric pulmonologist. Paul is a genitourinary oncologist and clinical investigator and assistant professor.

Danny “Ryann” Justice, ’17, has joined Preferred Pediatrics after completing a pediatric neonatal-perinatal medicine fellowship at Children’s Hospital of Richmond at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Evan J. Madden, ’17, and his wife Cecelia welcomed their third child, Pax Marshall on Oct. 18, 2022. He joins sister Lily and brother Josiah. Madden is a family medicine hospitalist with Self Regional Medical Center in Greenwood, South Carolina.

Courtney D. Wellman, ’17, and her husband, Brady, welcomed a boy, Colter, on Dec. 20, 2021. Wellman completed a geriatric fellowship and is an assistant professor of family and community health at MUSOM.

Andrew S. Feyh, ’18, a general surgery resident at MUSOM, was named June Resident of the Month. He is in his fifth and final year of residency after which he plans to pursue a fellowship in surgical critical care.

Deena Hossino, ’18, has matched to a breast surgical oncology fellowship at the University of Southern California.

Jenna C. Kerby, ’18, and her husband Levi, welcomed a boy, Deacon Vance, on April 25, 2022. Kerby practices emergency medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She is affiliated with Atrium Health/Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

Melissa C. Saab and Alex R. Vance, both Class of 2018, welcomed Anagail Ruth on May 22, 2021. Vance is working as a primary care physician, and Saab is completing a geriatric fellowship at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. They will...
be relocating to Bozeman, Montana, where Saab will practice outpatient geriatrics and family medicine at Bozeman Health. Vance will be leading the wilderness medicine curriculum through the University of Washington’s WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho) medical school program.

Joseph H. Ta, ’18, completed a neurology residency at Medical University of South Carolina and started an epilepsy fellowship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

Lauren M. Tufts, ’18, and husband Alexander welcomed son Harrison James Tufts on Sept. 9, 2022. Tufts is a second-year pediatric hospital medicine fellow at MUSOM.

Ally L. Bias, ’20, a third-year pediatric resident at MUSOM, and Jaime Dzierzak (BA’09 Marshall), were married at Pendleton Point Overlook, Blackwater Falls State Park, Davis, West Virginia, Sept. 24, 2022. Bias received her acceptance to pediatric psychiatry fellowship in Augusta, Georgia, on the day of her wedding.

Jonathan J. Acra, ’19, and Shefali Khanna, ’21, were married in an Indian wedding on May 29, followed by a church wedding on May 30, 2021. Acra recently completed his internal medicine residency at...
Indiana University School of Medicine. Khanna is completing her surgery residency at Charleston Area Medical Center.

Bina R. Malapur, ’19, is in the Southern Illinois University endocrine fellowship program.

Emily M. Wright, ’19, is finishing her neurology residency and starting her fellowship in neurocritical care at the University of Cincinnati.

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Dakota T. May, ’20, and his wife, Carrie, welcomed their first child, Ella Quinn, on July 13, 2022. May is a psychiatry resident at Duke University Medical Center and served as the Class of 2020’s treasurer.

Eric T. Mendenhall, ’20, has matched to a neonatal-perinatal medicine fellowship at East Carolina University.

Preeya T. Shah, ’20, and Brandon Adkins were married on Oct. 22, 2022, at the West Virginia Capitol in a traditional Hindu wedding ceremony. Shah was president of the Class of 2020 and is currently completing a dermatology residency at the University of Virginia.

David E. Bartlett, ’21, and his wife Cindy welcomed daughter Lia on April 19, 2022. Bartlett is completing a diagnostic radiology residency at UNC Chapel Hill in North Carolina. He was president of the Class of 2021.

Capt. Gregory S. “Greg” Hill and Jordan L. Tate, both Class of 2022, were married June 4, 2022. Hill is a head and neck surgery resident at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Tate is a pediatric resident at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Virginia.

In Memoriam

ALUMNI
Michael W. Bosserman, MD, ’88
Huntsville, Alabama
Dr. Bosserman passed away April 12, 2022, at the age of 71. He graduated from Oklahoma University with an undergraduate in chemistry and worked as an industrial hygienist for five years before deciding to change his career to medicine. After practicing for 30 years, he retired from medicine in 2018. He enjoyed hiking, botany, kayaking, Jimmy Buffett and spending time at the beach. He cared deeply about his patients throughout his career and took pride in being a loving, supportive husband and father and had an excellent “dad” sense of humor. He is survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter and two granddaughters.

FACULTY
Donald S. Robinson, MD, PhD, was named founding chair of the department of pharmacology at the Marshall University School of Medicine in 1978, a position he held until November 1984.

He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia in 1959, and completed his internship at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Seattle, Washington, and his family medicine residency at Ventura County Hospital in Ventura, California. Dr. Robinson also completed an internal medicine residency and a fellowship in hematology at Mary Fletcher Hospital/University of Vermont (UVM) College of Medicine in Burlington, Vermont. He continued to practice hematology at UVM for several years.

In addition to several professorships, Dr. Robinson established UVM’s division of clinical pharmacology before relocating to Huntington in 1978. In the latter half of his career, he served as director for central nervous system drug development at Bristol-Myers Squibb. Upon retirement in 1993, Dr. Robinson continued to share his expertise, consulting and mentoring within his field for many years. He is survived by his wife, three daughters including Molly Robinson Mathews, ’96, a son and nine grandchildren.
The School of Medicine’s largest scholarship fundraiser returned in 2022 after a two-year hiatus. With a new home at Barboursville Soccer Complex, A Night in Havana did not disappoint. More than 500 guests helped raise more than $100,000 for the School of Medicine scholarship endowment. Scan the QR code to view all the photos from that event.

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1. Medical alumni were hosted by President Brad D. Smith and First Lady Alys Smith at the president’s home for a homecoming brunch.
2. Helping honor our 2022 distinguished alumnus, Dr. Dan Phillips, ’87, are Dr. Bobby Miller, ’97, interim dean; president of the School of Medicine Alumni Association Dr. Adam Franks, ’99, and Linda Holmes.
4. Our own West Virginia Senator and graduate of the Class of 1982 Dr. Ron Stollings.
The School of Medicine welcomed alumni and their families to Huntington for the 35th Annual Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2022.

7. 20 years for the Class of 2002: Drs. Kecia Gerlach, Erika Harris, Amy Jean, Joe Hahn, Jeremy Warner, Chad Turner, Dave Denning, Eric Irwin, Chris Goode.
8. There is always a funny story when 2007 classmates Andy Gilliland and Andrea Kellar have the microphone.
10. Drs. Abbey Smith and Michelle Studeny Worthy represented the Class of 2017.
11. 1997 class president Dr. Chuck Clements with classmates Trenor Williams, Bobby Miller, Danielle King and Ish Stevens enjoying their 25-year reunion.
12. A great group of grads from the Class of 2007 always return for their reunion. Celebrating 15 years are Drs. Andy Gilliland, Jay Lakhani, Paul Ferguson, Larry Hutchison, Joe King, Susan Flesher, Jay & Meagan Shepherd, Andrea Kellar and Betsy Saunders.

FIND MORE PHOTOS
Scan the QR code to view all photos from the event.
1. From left: Matthew Rohrbach, MD ('84), Mario Rivera and his daughter Erika Faile, MD ('06) and Dr. Rohrbach’s wife, Vera Rose, MD, met up on an Alaskan cruise.

2. Associate Professor Todd Green, PhD, Linda Holmes and Joshua Eastman, Class of 2026, at cupcake wars during new student orientation.

3. The School of Medicine recognized the more than 46 years of leadership, teaching, mentorship and friendship of Dr. Maurice & Diane Mufson with a farewell reception on Aug. 29. Friends and colleagues gathered to express well wishes as the Mufsons embark on their next chapter outside of Huntington.

4. New faculty welcomed at the president’s house: (L to R) Marshall Health CEO Beth Hammers, Alys and President Brad Smith, Interim Dean Dr. Bobby Miller and Eric Hardin Miller, Linda Holmes.

5. Class of 2020 classmates (L to R) Drs. Pooja Sangani, Alexandrine Ratnani and Andrea Hart, pictured with Linda Holmes and Cindy Warren, reunited as bridesmaids for the October 2022 wedding of fellow classmate Dr. Preeya Shah.

6. Drs. Maureen Joyce ('14); Matt Snyder, president of the Class of 2016; Joe Wilson ('17); and Abbey Smith ('17) with Rob Ellis, assistant director of development and alumni engagement; Sheanna Spence, chief marketing officer; Linda Holmes; Holly Snyder.

7. The alumni board celebrates outgoing president Dr. Cure and welcomes Dr. Franks. Left to right: Dr. Gary ('92) & Christa Petty; Suzanne & Dr. Rob Cure ('98); Interim Dean Bobby Miller ('97) & Eric Hardin-Miller; Emily

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and Dr. Adam Franks (’99); Rob & Lindsay Ellis; Cindy Warren; Linda Holmes & Willie Haught; Dr. Friday Simpson (’91).

8. Students, residents and faculty provide flood relief to eastern Kentucky.

9. Volunteers for the 2022 School of Medicine Golf Classic: Students Allie Kiekover, Madisen Burns, Ava Tennant, Ryan Brown, Sydney Yoho and Emily Fletcher with Linda Holmes.

10. Saturday night fun supporting the arts. From left: Peter Ray, MD; Dr. Matthew (’14) and Cynthia Krantz; Bobby Miller, MD (’97); David Denning, MD; Beth Hammers; Beth Emrick, MD; Susan Flesher, MD (’07); Matthew Christiansen, MD (’13); and Linda Holmes.

11. Still best friends: Classmates Leah D. Stalnaker, MD (’18), with daughter Gwendolyn, and Melissa C. Saab, MD (’18), with daughter Anagail, reunited for Anagail’s first birthday party.
Legacy with Impact

Dr. Bijan Goodarzi works hard to make a difference for his patients, ensuring every patient has access to quality prenatal care. It’s no surprise, then, that he’s committed to supporting future physicians for generations to come.

I am a proud West Virginian and blessed to give back to the state and the Marshall School of Medicine, which have been an integral part of my life. Cindy Warren, the faculty and my classmates were guiding forces in my medical education; I hold them all in great esteem. This is my way of paying that forward.

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Bijan J. Goodarzi, MD ('83) Obstetrician-Gynecologist Zanesville, Ohio