



# HERD HEAVEN

The Official Newsletter of the Marshall University Alumni Association



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM MUAA!

The Marshall University Alumni Association would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy Holidays! We hope you all have a safe and joyous holiday season and we look forward to being a part of your lives as we ring in the New Year here in only a few short weeks. If there is anything we can do to make your alumni experience more enjoyable in 2018, please let us know at [alumni@marshall.edu](mailto:alumni@marshall.edu)! From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your support and GO HERD!



## Alumni Partners

### PURE SERENTY DAY SPA



One of MUAA's newest member benefit partners is Pure Serenity Day Spa located in Milton, WV. And to celebrate this new partnership and just in time for the holidays, Pure Serenity Day Spa is offering special discounts on gift cards to all Alumni Association Members. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more, or



## NOMINATE AN ALUM FOR 2018 ALUMNI AWARDS BANQUET

The 2018 Alumni Awards Banquet is only a few months away and the Marshall University Alumni Association is looking for candidates for its

many awards and honors. Know someone who has made a difference in their community, someone who has given tirelessly to Marshall University or made an impact on a national scale? Honor them at this year's 2018 Alumni Awards Banquet on Saturday, March 31, 2018. Deadline to submit a nomination is January 1, 2018.

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### A HAPPY HERD HOLIDAY!

Marshall University celebrated the holiday season in early December with its annual Herd Holiday event in the Memorial Student Center. Students, faculty and community members were able to enjoy all of the fun of the holiday season including the lighting of the campus Christmas tree, winter snacks, music and, of course, photos with Santa Marco! If you got your photo with Santa Marco, you can download your free copy at the link below!

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## Alumni News



### GIVING BACK

Each year, alumni across the country give back to their communities through donations of time, money and materials, all in the name of Marshall. Clubs such as The Villages Alumni Club in Florida, which donated all of the money raised through game watching parties to Hands of Mercy to purchase Christmas gifts for the residents, and the Alumni Club of DC, which is participating in "Wreaths Across America," laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery. The MUAA applauds these clubs and the many others

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across the country making a difference this holiday season and throughout the year!



### ON YOUR SIDE

The Marshall University Alumni Association is proud to announce that it has re-signed with Nationwide Insurance as the official insurance partner of Thundering Herd alumni everywhere! [LEARN MORE...](#)

## Campus News



### MARSHALL TO CONDUCT WINTER GRADUATION SATURDAY

Marshall's Winter Commencement, which takes place Saturday, will honor nearly 1,200 students. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. [READ MORE...](#)



### MU PARTNERS WITH RESORT FOR WINTER OLYMPICS INTERNSHIPS

Marshall's College of Health Professions will provide global internship opportunities at the 2018 Winter Olympics. [READ MORE...](#)



### HISTORY PROFESSOR TO LEAD DRINKO ACADEMY

Marshall professor and scholar Dr. Montserrat Miller has been named executive director at the university's Drinko Academy. [READ MORE...](#)



### UNIVERSITY OPENS FOOD PANTRY DOWNTOWN

Marshall's Department of Dietetics is opening a food pantry for faculty, staff, students and the community at the Dietetics building in downtown Huntington. [READ MORE...](#)

## Athletics News



### GILDAN NEW MEXICO BOWL



### HANCOCK'S JOURNEY FROM



### WINTER COMMENCEMENT

Marshall welcomes its newest alumni class during the annual Winter Commencement ceremony...[LEARN MORE](#)

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### GILDAN NEW MEXICO BOWL

The Thundering Herd battles Colorado State in the New Mexico Bowl...[LEARN MORE](#)

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### MU DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The Marshall University community travels to Charleston for the annual MU Day at the Capitol...[LEARN MORE](#)

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## PREVIEW GUIDE

On Saturday, December 16, the Marshall University Thundering Herd (7-5) will travel to Dreamstyle Stadium in New Mexico to take on the Colorado State Rams (7-5). Read all about the matchup in the bowl guide.

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## WALK-ON TO TEAM MVP

Just four years ago, Chase Hancock was a high school senior wrapping up his career at Woodrow Wilson High School with nary a football scholarship. A year later he walked-on at Marshall and now he is the Team MVP.

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## SPOTLIGHT

### Marshall Theatre *"Ding Dong Merrily on High"*

To close out 2017, the MU Alumni Association would like to wish you a wonderful holiday season and leave you with this performance of "Ding Dong Merrily on High," sung by students from Marshall Theatre's 2017 production of "A Christmas Carol."...[READ MORE](#)

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