



# HERD HEAVEN

The Official Newsletter of the Marshall University Alumni Association



## REACH FOR THE STARS

What do you dream about? Do you ever dream about becoming a writer? A painter? Do you wish you could drop everything and pursue your passion? Or, maybe you already have. Maybe you are currently living out your dream. Maybe you are exactly where you want to be. Either way, just know that you are never too young - or too old - to chase your dreams. At the bottom of this newsletter you will read a story about comic book writer Beau Smith who did just that. He listened to his inner voice and, after years in a rut, went after his dream and grabbed it. Now he is fighting villains alongside some of the world's greatest superheroes. We hope you will be inspired by his story, and the story of some of our 2017 alumni award winners, in the stories below as we welcome the month of March right here in Herd Heaven!



## Alumni Benefits

### DID YOU KNOW?



Every Marshall University Chief Justice yearbook is available to view for free online?...[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



## MUAA ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS FOR 80TH ALUMNI AWARDS BANQUET

The Marshall University Alumni Association has announced its list of 2017

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major award winners, which will be recognized at the 80th annual Marshall University Alumni Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 22 at 7 p.m. in the Don Morris Room. Check out the complete list in the link!

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### INTO LAUNCHES INITIATIVE TO CONNECT WITH INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI

Starting in March, INTO Marshall will launch a quarterly alumni newsletter. The newsletter will feature spotlights on former students, as well as updates on the various happenings at the INTO Marshall Center and campus.

"We are so proud of our Marshall alumni who came through the INTO Center. These students had ambitious goals and we are so pleased to see them be successful. We want to celebrate their success by continuing our relationships with them as they go on to do important work in profitable roles," said Stephanie Hurley Collier, Executive Director of INTO Marshall. "It is valuable to be able to grow our network to include future applicants, current students, and Marshall alumni. We can all work together to promote the great things happening at MU."

To learn more about the new alumni initiative, or INTO students wishing to be included in the newsletter, can contact [intoalumni@marshall.edu](mailto:intoalumni@marshall.edu).

## Campus News



### MUKHERJEE NAMED DEAN OF COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Dr. Avinandan "Avi" Mukherjee has been



### SCARBRO NAMED ASSOCIATE VP AT MURC

Sara Payne Scarbro has been named



### RCBI TEAMS WITH WV GUARD

The Robert C. Byrd Institute has joined forces with the



### MU TEAM RECEIVES PATENT TO TREAT MAJOR HEALTH ISSUES

## Upcoming Events



### MU CHAMBER CHOIR IN NYC

The Marshall University Chamber Choir travels to New York City for a special alumni event...[LEARN MORE](#)

MAR 19



### MARSHALL DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Join us in Charleston as Marshall University takes over the West Virginia State Capitol...[LEARN MORE](#)

MAR 30



### ALUMNI WEEKEND

You are invited to a fun-filled weekend featuring events for alums of all ages as we honor outstanding alumni from around the world...[LEARN MORE](#)

APR 21-22





appointed dean of the Marshall University Lewis College of Business  
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associate vice president for external engagement at MURC  
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WV National Guard to expand advanced technology for military programs  
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Researchers at MU have developed a method for treating sepsis  
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**MAR 2-5**  
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL  
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**APR 4**  
PIPPIN  
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## Alumni News



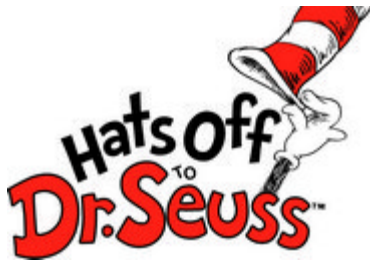
### MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR ALUMNI WEEKEND 2017

Make memories that will last a lifetime and join us for our biggest night of the year as we celebrate outstanding alumni from across the country April 21-22. [CLICK HERE](#) to make your reservations today!



### SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM INVITES HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications is seeking nominations for its upcoming Hall of Fame class. [Read more...](#)



### HATS OFF TO READING AT MARSHALL BOOKSTORE

The Marshall University Bookstore will host story time for kids presented by student athletes, cheerleaders and Marco on Saturday, March 11 beginning at 11 am to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss!

## Athletics News



### HERD GREEN AND WHITE GAME ADDED TO ALUMNI WEEKEND FESTIVITIES

Marshall University's annual Green and White spring game will take place on Saturday, April 22 at 3 pm.



### REMEMBERING MARSHALL'S LAST TRIP TO THE DANCE - 30 YEARS LATER

The Marshall University men's basketball team defeated Davidson 66-64 in March of 1987, sending



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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Beau Smith  
*Monster Hunter*

Have you ever dreamed of fighting evil side-by-side with the Dark Knight? How about hunting down monsters in the wild west alongside a beautiful, pistol-toting law woman? Beau Smith has had that dream, and he lives it every day of his life...[READ MORE](#)

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