



HERD HEAVEN

The Official Newsletter of the Marshall University Alumni Association



SURPRISE! CELEBS HIT HUNTINGTON

It was one of the most well-kept secrets in Huntington. On Wednesday, April 26, Intuit CEO Brad Smith, award-winning actress Jennifer Garner and Marshall great and NFL quarterback Chad Pennington were quietly returning to campus for the Design for Delight challenge, pitting teams of Marshall University students and faculty members in a Shark Tank-style competition to attempt to solve some of our state's biggest problems. When word finally got out, everyone was excited to welcome a few nationally recognizable celebrities to Huntington.

The thing is, by the time the event was over, the capacity crowd at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse were all in agreement - the true "stars" of the night were the students themselves. Each team presented one solution to the biggest problems afflicting our region, and in the end three groups were selected to represent Marshall University on a trip to Silicon Valley to learn first-hand how problems are solved by some of the biggest companies in the world. It was a wonderful night showcasing the best and brightest of our university, and you can read more about this event and other major happenings in the stories below. GO HERD!!!



Alumni Benefits

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Upcoming Events



CITY OF HUNTINGTON NAMED AMERICA'S BEST COMMUNITY

After competing for three years against 350 communities, Huntington was named America's Best Community during an awards ceremony in Denver, Colorado last month. The award comes with a \$3 million prize, which will help boost several projects in the city's revitalization plan.

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STUDENTS WORK TO SOLVE WEST VIRGINIA'S BIGGEST CHALLENGES DURING INNOVATING FOR IMPACT CHALLENGE

Marshall University and Intuit have announced the winners of the first Innovating for Impact event, a month-long program in which Marshall students and faculty experimented to create potential solutions for select West Virginia social problems. Award-winning actress Jennifer Garner, NFL football legend Chad Pennington and Intuit CEO Brad Smith coached and selected the three teams during a finale event held at Marshall's Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

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Alumni News

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Celebrate the 2017 Marshall University graduating class at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena...[LEARN MORE](#)

MAY 6



STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

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PHOTO GALLERY

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HOMECOMING SET FOR SAT. OCTOBER 14 AGAINST ODU

The date for Marshall University's annual Homecoming game has been set for the Oct. 14 game against Old Dominion ...[READ MORE](#)



MARSHALL TO WELCOME MORE THAN 1,600 NEW ALUMS SATURDAY

More than 1,600 students will graduate from Marshall University Saturday, May 6 in a pair of ceremonies at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena ...[READ MORE](#)

Campus News



BOARD OF GOVERNORS GIVE POSITIVE MARKS FOR GILBERT

The Marshall University Board of Governors released a positive review of President Jerome A. Gilbert [Read more...](#)



MCVEY TO GIVE ADDRESS AT GRADUATION

J. Mark McVey, a singer and actor on Broadway, will deliver the commencement address on Sat. May 6 [Read more...](#)



MARSHALL UPGRADES FOR BETTER SECURITY

Marshall University has begun taking steps to increase security measures on and off the Huntington campus [Read more...](#)



NEW CLASS OF YEAGER SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED

Eight students have been selected for the 31st class of the Yeager Scholars at Marshall, including six from local schools [Read more...](#)

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HOLLIDAY ADDS PLAYER NAMES TO UNIFORMS

The football uniforms at Marshall will be the same in 2017, with one addition. The last names of players will be added to the back of the jersey. [Read more...](#)



NATIONAL RANKING PUTS SPOTLIGHT ON HERD SB

At 38-7 and now ranked No. 23 in the nation, the Marshall University softball team wraps up the regular season this weekend with a home series versus UAB. [Read more...](#)



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Sarah Kay
Lapping the Competition...

Balancing athletics and academics, there is perhaps nothing more difficult at a university. But for some, that practice just comes naturally, just ask award-winning swimmer turned Marshall University philanthropist Sarah Kay...[READ MORE](#)

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