

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL TOWN HALL
**“Building Community and
Strengthening the Bridge
between Marshall University
and Fairfield West”**



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Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2020 at 4 p.m.

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PANELISTS



Dr. Jerome A. “Jerry” Gilbert



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The President's Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Virtual Town Hall

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Microsoft Teams

*"Building Community and Strengthening the Bridge between
Marshall University and Fairfield West"*

Purpose

The purpose of this Virtual Town Hall is to cultivate relationships between Marshall University and the Fairfield West Community in Huntington, as well as dispel negative perceptions of the Fairfield West Community. This initiative is a continuation of the July 28, 2020, Marshall University Virtual Town Hall on Community Social Justice.

This virtual town hall session will focus on the dynamic relationship between Marshall University and the Fairfield West Community in Huntington. Panelists will dispel various myths about the safety of this area and the university's intentions for integrating into the community. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of how both the university community and citizens of Fairfield West can work together for social justice and the common good.

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: To dispel myths and prejudices by addressing crime rate and public safety myths related to the Fairfield West Community and how implicit bias, prejudice, and/or racism may be fueling those myths on our campus.

- Objective 1.1: Participants will be able to provide fact-based information regarding the Fairfield West Community.

- Objective 1.2: Participants will be able to identify the challenges facing the Fairfield West and Marshall University Communities.

Goal 2: To discuss how Marshall University has been involved with the Fairfield West Community and their goals for the ongoing partnership.

- Objective 2.1: Participants will be able to describe specific initiatives within the Marshall University and Fairfield West partnership.

Goal 3: To inform participants of opportunities to advocate for social justice and the common good with this partnership.

- Objective 3.1: Participants will be able to recognize different opportunities to become involved in social justice work within the Marshall University and Fairfield West Community partnership.
- Objective 3.2: Participants will be able to develop their own initiatives to partner with the Fairfield West Community.

AGENDA

TIME	ITEM
4:00 P.M.	Virtual Town Hall Begins
4:05 – 4:10 P.M.	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Dr. Jerome A. “Jerry” Gilbert, President, Marshall University
4:10 – 4:15 P.M.	Introduction of Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Dr. Adam Dalton, Moderator
4:15 – 4:45 P.M.	Panel Discussion
4:45 – 4:55 P.M.	Question & Answer Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ This portion of the Virtual Town Hall is devoted to a Question & Answer session of questions posted in the chat box by Remote Participants.
4:55 P.M.	Call To Action! Post-Event Sign-up Sheet for Participants <p>A digital sign-up sheet consisting of local community organizations will be displayed. Participants can submit their name and email address and select an organization(s) they are interested in learning more about. Following the Virtual Panel Discussion, those who signed up will receive an emailed letter; the letter will include information on whom to contact for each organization in order for participants to become more involved with organizations that work to strengthen our community.</p>
5:00 P.M.	Virtual Town Hall Ends

Moderator

Dr. Adam Dalton
College of Arts & Media

Panelists

Jerome A. "Jerry" Gilbert, Ph.D.
President, Marshall University

Gayle A. Brazeau, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor, School of Pharmacy
Marshall University

Hank Dial
Huntington City Manager and
former Huntington Police Department Chief

Teresa A. Johnson
Owner and Operator of Heavensent Daycare and
Candidate, Huntington City Council - District #5

Sandra Clements
Member, Fairfield Alliance and
Disability Coordinator at Marshall University (Ret.)

Robin Lapsley
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Registration Link for the Virtual Town Hall:

- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=eLKaI7o7eEy0HYUIpUHgJVnRHIShRPZFntpLenWfHRUQzBWMzNFT0VTVTRCT0hYUUNLME9OWIhWVC4u>

Facebook Events Link for the Virtual Town Hall:

- <https://www.facebook.com/events/3093358364095315/>

Virtual Town Hall Website:

- <https://www.marshall.edu/diversity/building-community/>

President's Commission on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion at Marshall University Website:

- <https://www.marshall.edu/diversity/>

Biographical Sketch
Jerome A. "Jerry" Gilbert, Ph.D.
President
Marshall University



Jerome A. "Jerry" Gilbert serves as the 37th president of Marshall University, having assumed the position in January of 2016. His goals for Marshall have included increasing student success, expanding the research enterprise, enhancing community and economic development activities, and making the campus more inclusive and diverse.

Prior to Marshall, he served 27 years at Mississippi State University, including his last role as provost and executive vice president. Prior appointments include faculty positions at North Carolina State University in Mechanical Engineering and the University of North Carolina in Orthopedic Surgery and Biomedical Engineering.

He received his B.S. in Biological Engineering from Mississippi State University and his Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from Duke University. Dr. Gilbert conducted research in the area of orthopedic biomechanics and was

supported in his research by NIH, NSF, USDA, and various other public and private sources. He is a former national president of the Institute of Biological Engineering (2005) and is a member of numerous other professional societies. He is a Fellow in the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (2007) and the Institute of Biological Engineering (2008).

He is currently active in the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Huntington Area Development Council, and the neighborhood civic organization the Fairfield Alliance. Dr. Gilbert is a member of the Peer Corps reviewers for the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the Division I Presidential Forum of the NCAA.

Biographical Sketch
Gayle A. Brazeau, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor, School of Pharmacy
Marshall University



Dr. Brazeau received her B.S. and M.S. from the University of Toledo and her Ph.D. from the University at Buffalo (UB). She is currently the Dean at the Marshall University School of Pharmacy. She previously served as Dean at the University of New England, College of Pharmacy. Previous faculty appointments include the University of Houston (UH), the University of Florida (UF), and UB.

She currently serves as the Editor for the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education. She has served as the Chair of the COF and Secretary of the COD and on numerous AACP Committees. She has received teaching/student recognition awards from UB, UF, and UH. Her scholarly interests focus on curricular assessment, student learning, and the biochemical/toxicological interactions of compounds and diseases with skeletal muscle. She is the author or co-author on over 65 peer-reviewed papers, chapters, and books.

She is a graduate of the Academic Leadership Fellows Program and the Community Health Foundation/Western-Central NY Fellows Action Network. She was the first recipient of the Maine Pharmacy Association Douglas H. Kay Distinguished Educator (2017) and was recognized as a Maine's "Nexters" (2013).

She served on the Boards of the Maine Cancer Foundation, Scarborough Economic Development Corporation, and Hospice of Southern Maine. She currently serves on the Boards for Hospice of Huntington and the American Federation for the Blind, and as the Secretary for the Fairfield Community Development Corporation.

She and Daniel have been married for over 40 years and live with their dogs, Morgan and Mendel.

Biographical Sketch

Sandra Clements

Member, Fairfield Alliance, and Disability
Coordinator, Marshall University (Ret.)



Sandra Clements is a lifelong resident of Huntington, WV. She has worked for Save the Children Federation, Southwestern Community Action's Head Start Program, and retired from Marshall University as the Director of the Office of Disability Services.

From 2007 – 2016, she served as the City Councilwoman for District 5. She has served on numerous Boards of Directors in Huntington. In 2018 she was inducted into the

Greater Huntington Wall of Fame for her community service.

She is currently serving on the Board of Directors of Cabell Huntington Hospital, a commissioner with the Fire Service Commission, and a commissioner with the Huntington Housing Authority.

She is working with the newly formed Fairfield Community Development Corporation to find a full-time director and organize in the Fairfield Community.

Biographical Sketch
Hank Dial
Huntington City Manager and
former Huntington Police Department Chief



Hank Dial is the City Manager of Huntington WV, and as part of this role, he is serving as a de facto Public Safety Commissioner over Huntington's Police and Fire Departments. He is a 28-year veteran of the Huntington Police Department. During that time, he dedicated himself to working closely with citizens and community groups.

He previously served as Chief of Police, Patrol Bureau Commander, and Administrative/Services Bureau Commander for the Department. During Chief Dial's tenure as Chief of Police, the City of Huntington has been on the national forefront of solving problems related to the opioid epidemic. The City is implementing a national model for dealing with compassion fatigue among first responders with the Compass Program. Also, during his time as Chief of Police, the Violent Crime Rate in Huntington dropped 26.8%.

He graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, and an Associate's in Applied Science

Degree in Law Enforcement from Marshall University. He also served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army, where he was an Honor Graduate from the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School and served as a Company Commander.

Biographical Sketch
Teresa A. Johnson

Owner and Operator of Heavensent Daycare and
Candidate, Huntington City Council - District #5



My name is Teresa A. Johnson and I am running for Huntington City Council-District #5. I have been serving the Fairfield Community since relocating to Huntington in 1978, with my focus being the children of the community that I reside. I turned my passion for caring for children into a business, Heaven Sent Daycare Childcare facility and became a Link Childcare

provider for low-income parents. After learning of the incredible need for children to have a loving home, I made a choice to become a temporary and permanent foster parent. While my work experience is focused on childcare and the development of young minds, I am eager to bring my talent and background to continue to work for the benefit of the community.

Fairfield is my community, and I want to consider the children as a priority because they are the future. For this community, I have joined several volunteer and community involvement programs where I am a

Community Development Corporate Board Member for the Fairfield area; support and advocate for families, single parents, and children; Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer; a member of Faith Health Appalachia program through Cabell Huntington Hospital; a United Way Finance Committee Member; Community Connector for Cabell Huntington Hospital; and Youth Advisor and Minister at Real Life Christian Center Church. With my role in all of these positions, there are two common factors: our Fairfield Community and our children.

With my husband, Virgil, we have raised eight children in this community and have four grandchildren. Fairfield is not just where they were raised, but it will always be home for them. My commitment, love, and dedication to Fairfield are undeniable. I believe how a candidate has served their home district in the past and has actively contributed to the functioning of their community currently, is a true measure of how effective that candidate will be as a City Council member. As your City Councilwoman, I promise to continue the work that I began 40 years ago. Please allow me the honor of representing our children by voting on November 3, 2020. A vote for me is vote for the future of our children.

Teresa A. Johnson

“The Voice for the Next Generation”

Life’s Mission:

To help empower the next generation with knowledge and wisdom to know who they are so, they can continue to carry out their dreams and visions that have been passed down to them.

Biographical Sketch

Robin Lapsley

Owner, So-Blessed Salon and
Member, Fairfield West Improvement Council



Robin is a lifelong resident of Huntington, WV, for the past fifty-seven years. She is married to Jimmie Lapsley of thirty-eight years with three grown sons and six grandchildren.

She has been the President of the Fairfield West Improvement Council since 2017 and a member of the Fairfield Alliance. She has been a community leader for over

thirty years with neighborhood watch and ministry to help to decrease criminal and drug problems. She founded the "From Blight to Bright" program to help homeowners who need assistance in revitalizing their homes for better curb appeal through house painting and landscaping and cleanup in which the owners purchase needed supplies with work done by community volunteers.

Robin is an ordained Evangelist at the Glorious Church of God in Christ in the city and former Pastor of Power of Praise Church for seven and a half years. She is also a

licensed Cosmetologist for over twenty-two years and an Interior and Fashion Designer.

She is presently on the committee of the Positive People Association, a non-profit organization, located at the J. W. Scott Community Center, that mentors and teach our youth from eighteen years and younger in the fields of arts of media, education, finance, playwriting, acting, community gardening, artwork, podcast, television, newsletters, photography, music, and much more.

She is working with many leaders in the community towards much better communication and trust with law enforcement and with local government. We see a change coming and will continue to work towards a better tomorrow together.

Biographical Sketch
Bishop Charles D. Shaw
Senior Pastor, Real Life Christian Center and
President, Huntington Black Pastors Ministerial
Association (HBPMA)



Bishop Charles D. Shaw is the Pastor and founder of Real Life Christian Center Church in Huntington, WV. He received his early education in the Logan County school system and attended Southern WV Community College. In 2003 he was ordained in the Association of Independent Ministries (AIM) of Houston, TX.

He later attended Life Christian University receiving an Associate Degree in Theology in 2009, graduating Magna Cum Laude. This degree coincided with Bishop and Lady Sharon Shaw's first International travel to Gaborone, Botswana Africa, where they were able to minister in several countries.

He is dedicated to serving his fellow man and community by volunteering as a board of directors of several organizations, including Recovery Point WV, President of Huntington Black Pastors Ministerial Association, Region 2 Workforce WV, United Way of the River Cities, Recovered

Solution, Fairfield Community Development Corporation,
and Faith Coordinator of the Quick Response Team (QRT)
Cabell County WV.

His life's mission is to continue to cause people to find
purpose and be successful in every area of life.

