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### 2019 Commencement and Pre-Commencement Events

Marshall University's 182<sup>nd</sup> Commencement was held on Saturday, May 11, at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in Downtown Huntington, with the presentation of Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees from the Brad D. Smith Schools of Business in the morning ceremony starting at 9 am. Susan Hellems Lavenski, CEO and owner of Charles Ryan Associates, was the Commencement Speaker. 148 students graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Margie McInerney, Marie Archambault, and Nancy Tierney served as Faculty Marshals, and Robin McCutcheon served as Reader. Eight LCOB faculty members with 25 or more years of service as of May 2019 were recognized in the program: Dennis Emmett (43 years), Margie McInerney (33 years), Dallas Brozik (32 years), Daesung Ha (29 years), Deanna Mader (28 years), Fred Mader (28 years), Rick Weible (26 years), and Charles Braun (25 years). The video link for the 2019 Spring Commencement is available at: <https://livestream.com/marshallu/events/8677560>

The Brad D. Smith Graduate School of Business Hooding Ceremony was held on May 10 at the MSC Don Morris Room. 65 graduate students, who have completed their programs in Spring 2019, were hooded by their faculty: Master of Business Administration (MBA) – 33 (14 General, 8 Finance, 5 Management, 3 Marketing, 3 Health Care Admin), Master of Science in Health Care Administration – 14, Master of Science in Human Resource Management – 11, and Master of Science in Accountancy – 7. 22 of the graduating students were on-campus students, 4 online students, and 7 from the inaugural graduating class of the Pharmacy / MBA joint program. We also introduced two new awards this year – the Calvin A. Kent Outstanding Undergraduate and Graduate Student Leaders of the Year Awards.

The Doctor of Management Practice in Nurse Anesthesia (DMPNA) Graduation celebration was held in Berry Hills Country Club in South Charleston on May 9<sup>th</sup>. This applied doctoral program is offered jointly by Marshall University's Brad D. Smith Graduate School of Business and the School of Nurse Anesthesia at the Charleston Area Medical Center. 26 graduating students forming the Class of 2019 were recognized and presented with certificates and school pins. This was the 64<sup>th</sup> Graduation Celebration for CAMC's School of Nurse Anesthesia. The graduation ceremony was run by Dr. Nancy Tierney, Program Director of DMPNA.

The Commissioning Ceremony of Marshall University's Army ROTC was held on May 10 at the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall. The ceremony witnessed the transition of 11 students to United States Army Officers. Three of them are business graduates: Ethan May (Finance), Alex Moore (Management), and Nick Schmidt (Healthcare Management). Alex and Nick won the "Economic Impact Award" at this semester's Business and Economics Research Symposium (BERS) with a project titled "Making Finance 101 a Prerequisite". Ethan completed the Cohen Business Professionalism Certificate offered by the Lewis College of Business this semester. The Department of Military Science – ROTC is a part of the Brad D. Smith Schools of Business.

The first batch of seven PharmD / MBA students graduated last week. Jeff Archambault, Associate Dean, and Marc Sollosy, MBA Director, attended the School of Pharmacy Commencement Ceremony at the Keith Albee Theater on Thursday, May 9. The Keynote Speaker was Dr. David D. Allen, Dean of the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy, professor of pharmacology and executive director and research professor of UM's Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences. He is also the President of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. A total of 79 PharmD graduates were hooded in the ceremony, with seven also hooded with their MBA. After the ceremony, Marc and Jeff joined the receiving line and welcomed the graduates as they emerged from the theater.