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Candidates for Mayor of Huntington and Governor of West Virginia Answered Questions From Audience Members at a Candidate Forum Held at Marshall University

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - Members of the community and Marshall University students, faculty, and staff gathered for a Candidate Forum in the Encova Auditorium of the Brad D. Smith Center for Business and Innovation last night. West Virginia gubernatorial candidates Steve Williams (D) and S. Marshall Wilson (Constitution Party) as well as Huntington mayoral candidates Jennifer Wheeler (D), Jay Michaels (I), and Patrick Farrell (R) answered questions submitted by audience members live during the event.

The Candidate Forum was also livestreamed. The recording is available at marshall.edu/livestream. This event was part of Marshall University's Voter Friendly Campus initiative. Marshall is the only Voter Friendly Campus in the state of West Virginia.

The forum was moderated by League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area Co-President Martha Woodward along with Student Moderator Quinlin Sollars and emceed by John Deaver Drinko Academy Executive Director Dr. Montserrat Miller.

There are now less than 28 days until the general election. West Virginians can still register to vote through Oct. 15. Early voting begins Oct. 23, and Cabell County residents can vote early at the Drinko Library on campus at Marshall. "This Candidate Forum was timely, informative, and a model of civil discourse," said Dr. Miller.

Gubernatorial candidates Attorney General Patrick Morrissey (R), Erika Kolenich (L), and Chase Linko-Looper (Mountain Party) were invited to participate but did not attend the event.

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Marshall University Voter Friendly Campus information table at the Candidate Forum in Huntington, W.Va., Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024. (Photo/Abbi Carney)



Event volunteer Jaiden Skaff greets people attending the Candidate Forum at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024. (Photo/Abbi Carney)



Event volunteer David Haynes and Voter Friendly Campus Team Members Reagan Clagg and Mia Crookshanks work the Candidate Forum at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024. (Photo/Ashton Pack)



Event volunteer Jaiden Skaff explains early voting at Marshall's Drinko Library to people attending the Candidate Forum in Huntington, W.Va., Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024. (Photo/Meredith Frame)



Event volunteers David Haynes and Mark Hysell prepare to collect questions from Candidate Forum audience members at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024. (Photo/Abbi Carney)



Moderator Martha Woodward and student Moderator Quinlin Sollars look through questions submitted by audience members at the Candidate Forum at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024. (Photo/Meredith Frame)



Drinko Academy Executive Director Dr. Montserrat Miller welcomes everyone to the Candidate Forum at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024. (Photo/Ashton Pack)



Candidates for Mayor of Huntington - Jennifer Wheeler (D), Jay Michaels (I), and Patrick Farrell (R) - answer questions from the audience during the Candidate Forum at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024. (Photo/Caleb Ferguson)



Candidates for Governor of West Virginia - Steve Williams (D) and S. Marshall Wilson (Constitution Party) - answer questions from the audience during the Candidate Forum at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024. (Photo/Abbi Carney)



Early Voting at the Drinko Library promoted at the end of the Candidate Forum at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024. (Photo/Ashton Pack)