

# STUDENT HANDBOOK

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**“Your Silent World”**

**June 30<sup>th</sup>—July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

## WELCOME to GHA

### Where every minute is an opportunity

What an enviable position you are in. You have read about GHA, and you have heard your friends—and maybe even your parents—rave about it. In July 2019, however, all the hearsay falls into the background as you experience GHA yourself.

We are proud to present the West Virginia Governor's Honors Academy at Marshall University. This unique program celebrates the achievement and potential of more than 160 of the state's most promising scholars and citizens.

Governor's Schools are truly a community effort. Funded by the legislature and requested in the governor's budget, all Governor's Schools of West Virginia are administered the West Virginia Department of Education. The host institution, Marshall University, will assure that GHA is like no other academic experience.

The information provided in this booklet should answer many of the questions parents/guardians have about GHA. Participation in this heralded program provides an opportunity for rising seniors to meet and interact with other students and adults in a rich academic environment that facilitates and encourages creativity, exploration, and collaboration. In some cases, students may receive scholarships from the college they choose to attend. The colleges - not the Honors Academy itself - award such scholarships.

We are happy to congratulate you not only for exploring the world of academia, but for having the wisdom to know that GHA is where you should spend three exhilarating weeks this summer. The Governor's Schools have long been shining stars in our state's education opportunities. You are now part of that magnificent brilliance.

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## Introduction

Please read through the information contained in this handbook carefully. It contains information on just about everything you need to know about GHA. If you have any questions that aren't answered here, contact Cara Bailey or Mallory Carpenter, co-deans of GHA at Marshall University, or Mrs. Sherry Keffer, the coordinator of Governor's Schools. This handbook includes an introduction to the staff and a description of the Academy's theme.

In addition to this handbook, you will be sent a pre-arrival packet from GHA at Marshall University that provides more specific information on when to arrive, what to expect when you get to GHA, a sample daily schedule, and information about the last day.

The Governor's Honors Academy is an excellent opportunity for you to meet and interact with other accomplished students and adults in an enriching and invigorating academic environment. At GHA, you will explore topics of particular interest to you. You will be living and learning on campus at Marshall University as a representative of your school and county.

GHA will challenge you academically and spark your curiosity as you explore your new digital world. Moreover, you will meet other talented and driven young West Virginians and develop friendships that will last the rest of your life.

By accepting a position with this year's Academy, you agree to behave with integrity and treat others with respect. You will be required to abide by all rules and regulations included in this brochure. These guidelines are necessary for you to have the best possible learning experience.

If you decide not to accept your invitation, please notify Mrs. Sherry Keffer, [cheryl.keffer@k12.wv.us](mailto:cheryl.keffer@k12.wv.us), immediately. You may not use your original acceptance in any application or news release. Only students who complete the Academy are known as GHA Scholars.

We wish you a successful and enjoyable experience at the Governor's Honors Academy at Marshall University. See you June 30!

## Opening and Closing Dates

- 📅 **Move-in: June 30th from 9am – 12pm**
- 📅 **Check-out: July 20<sup>th</sup> at 8am.**

## Policies and Procedures

### Residency Policy

- Students are expected to remain on campus. Parents, family, and friends are **NOT** to visit. Emergency leave requests should be sent to the deans.
- Students may **NEVER** leave campus alone and without informing the appropriate GHA staff.
- Students will be living in First Year Residence Hall (Freshman South).

### Visitation Policy

- Students may not entertain non-GHA visitors, including family.
- Students are **NOT** permitted to visit other groups or dormitories while on Marshall's campus.
- Students may visit with members of a different sex **ONLY** in the dormitory lounge or common areas, not in student rooms.

### Motor Vehicles

- Students may neither ride in nor operate a motor vehicle unless driven by appropriate GHA staff.

### Cell Phones, Computers, and Personal Electronics

- Use of cell phones and other electronic devices is limited to trips and free time **ONLY**, unless otherwise approved or instructed by GHA staff.
- If you have a phone, you must give your RA your phone number.

### Attendance and Participation

- Students are required to attend and actively participate in all regularly scheduled classes and events.
- If it is necessary to miss a class, the student must notify the instructor in advance and the absence must be approved by appropriate GHA staff (faculty or deans) ahead of time.
- The same policy applies to event absences.

### Field Trips and Leaving Campus

- Students are required to follow established travel schedules, dormitory curfews, and established town ordinances regarding curfews for minors.
- When off-campus, students **MUST** stay in an RA-or faculty-chaperoned group at all times.
- Students may **NOT** leave Freshman South without permission, and not at all after dark.
- Students **MUST** travel in groups of three (**3**) or more on campus or downtown if no RA or staff member is present.

- Students wishing to attend religious services must follow policy established for such, outlined in the Pre-Arrival packet.

## Drug Policy

- Tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and other chemical substances (with the exception of prescription or OTC drugs that GHA staff have been made aware of) are **PROHIBITED**.

## Trash

- There are trash rooms located on every hallway of Freshman South. All trash should be taken here. Marshall University does have a recycling policy; ask your RA where to take your recyclables.

## Other Policies

- GHA photo ID must be worn at all times.
- If the fire alarm sounds, everyone is to exit the building and assemble at designated safe areas for roll call.
- Dress clothes are to be worn at certain specified events, which will be outlined in the Pre-Arrival Packet.
- GHA t-shirts are to be worn as instructed on trips including, but not limited to, Cincinnati.
- Offensive writing or images on clothing is prohibited.
- Appropriate shoes and shirts are required in classrooms, activities, field trips, and the dining hall.
- RAs must accompany students to all classes on the first day of the Academy as well.
- **Keep it clean. Freshman South is one of the best dorms on campus and we intend to keep it that way. Please be respectful of each other, the building, GHA staff, and ESPECIALLY University Housekeeping.**
- Students in Freshman South have the luxury of a private bathroom, shared only with one roommate. However, Housekeeping does not clean those restrooms. Therefore, during the three weeks of GHA, you will be responsible for maintaining a tidy sink, toilet, and shower.
- Stairwells are to walk from one floor to the next, not a place to hang out. Please keep them clean and clear.
- Students are to be in their rooms and in bed by **11:00 pm**, unless otherwise instructed by GHA faculty and staff. This means that if an RA walks the halls, he/she should neither be able to hear noise from your room nor see the lights on. The bathroom light is okay to leave on.

## Disciplinary Action

Certain behavior is incompatible with the philosophy of GHA. As representatives of your schools, communities, counties, and the state of West Virginia, you are expected to be exemplary citizens. All staff members are responsible for disciplinary action in response to misbehavior. In other words, every adult is the "boss." There are three levels of discipline, determined by the nature, frequency, or severity of the infraction and they are not necessarily sequential:

1. Verbal reprimand by staff with written notice to the Deans;
2. Written warning by the Deans. Parent/guardian will be notified, and;
3. Dismissal from GHA.

The Deans, in consultation with the appropriate faculty, staff, and the State Director, will make final decisions regarding dismissal from GHA.

Should a student be dismissed, the Deans will immediately contact the student's parents or guardians. A dismissed student must be picked up by a parent/guardian within 12 hours of dismissal. While waiting to be picked up, the student will pack personal belongings under staff supervision and be separated from other Academy members. A letter stating the reason for dismissal will be sent to the parent/guardian, high school principal and county superintendent of schools.

*Be advised that Marshall University and the West Virginia Governor's Honors Academy will cooperate with all university, local, and state authorities regarding investigations or illegal activities.*

### Causes for Disciplinary Action

Students who leave campus without authorization, leave the room after "room check" during off-campus travel, engage in activities threatening the safety of themselves or others including leaving assigned groups when off campus, or who violate the tobacco, alcohol and controlled substance abuse rule will be dismissed immediately. There will be no second chances.

Other reasons for dismissal include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Unexcused absence;
- Disobeying visitation policies;
- Unauthorized use of a vehicle;
- Unauthorized riding in a vehicle with another person;
- Tampering with fire alarms or security systems;
- Harassment/ bullying;
- Failure to follow faculty, staff, or campus security's directions;
- Behavior unbecoming of a member of GHA.

\*\*\*If you have any questions or concerns about these policies, feel free to ask your RA or any other member of the GHA 2019 staff. These policies are in place to provide you with a safe, fun, and enriching experience.

## Harassment Policies

Harassment of all kinds will not be tolerated at GHA. Harassment includes any action or behavior that mocks, demeans, puts down, disparages, or ridicules another person or group. Bullying of all kinds is considered a form of harassment. Sexual harassment is any sort of discrimination, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

- If you are a victim of harassment, please report to either the RD or one of the Deans. In these situations, you should report to whomever you are most comfortable speaking to. Together you can discuss the incident and create a plan to address the issue at hand.



Now that you've read the "cannots and musts," it's time to learn about your life at Marshall University.

## Living Accommodations

GHA will be housed in the Freshman South residence hall on the Huntington campus. It is located between 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue near the Joan C. Edwards football stadium. The dorm can house up to 782 students in all double-occupancy rooms. Freshman South is one of Marshall's newest buildings, opening in August 2008.

Freshman South has a kitchenette, recreation lounges, study lounges, and a pool table or ping-pong table. Every room is equipped with heating/air conditioning, cable amenities, high speed internet, and a private bathroom.

Mail is delivered to Freshman South daily. Outgoing mail will be picked up from the same location.

### Address letters in the manner that follows:

Student Name  
415 Thundering Herd Drive  
Freshman South Residence Hall  
Huntington, WV 25703-9603

1. If you do not have a cell phone, a telephone will be available that may be used for local calls or with a phone card for long distance.
2. Laundry facilities are located on the first floor of Freshman South. All laundry machines are free of charge. Basic laundry supplies are provided, but special detergents are the responsibility of each attendee.
3. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served in Harless Dining Hall. Hours will be announced when you arrive. A salad bar is available during lunch and dinner.

### CAMPUS RECREATION

Marshall's facilities are open for your use at appointed times. Activities available include table tennis, billiards, television and theater rooms, tennis, badminton, and volleyball. You will have access to the Student Recreation Center, which features a pool, a hot tub, a fitness center, three basketball courts, and a climbing wall.

## YOUR ROOM

1. Each room is furnished for two students with twin XL beds, desks, chairs, dressers, and large open closet space. Each room has a full, private bathroom. Freshman South has a social lounge, study rooms, laundry facilities, vending machines, and television viewing areas. The entire complex is air conditioned.
2. You may bring an iPod or MP3 player but not a big music system. It is important that you respect the rights of your fellow students by not playing music that can be heard outside of your room. Use headsets or ear phones, if necessary.
3. You will be issued a key to your room. A fee of \$50 will be charged to rekey your room if the key is lost or not returned.
4. Your room should always be locked when you and your roommate are gone. Missing items should be reported immediately to your resident assistant.
5. If you plan to keep snacks in your room, you must bring airtight containers for storage.
6. You and your roommate are ultimately responsible for the maintenance of your room, all activity that goes on in your room, and any damage that occurs during the Governor's School.
7. Your room should be made neat and orderly before your first morning class. It may be inspected at any time by residence hall personnel.
8. Early in the program, a fire evacuation plan will be explained and a fire drill may be held. When the alarm sounds, you must leave the building. You will be expected to report to an assigned area where roll will be taken.
9. No items are to be hung or displayed outside residence hall windows.

## Items to Bring

### Clothing Requirements

A variety of tops of different weights	Shorts	Jeans
Slacks	Sleepwear	Rain gear
Jacket	Umbrella	
Comfortable walking shoes		
Two dress outfits		

Men: Dress shirt & tie, coat optional  
 Women: Business casual dresses or dress slacks and blouse  
 Dress shoes

### Items You WILL Need

Sheets and mattress cover for a Twin Extra-Long bed, pillows/pillowcases, and blankets;  
 Toiletries-- toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, cosmetics, sunscreen;

Garbage bags	Washcloths/towels
Laundry basket or bag	Preferred detergent/Dryer sheets
Alarm	

### Optional Items

Bedside lamp	Radio/mp3 player/iPod	Notebooks
Workout clothes	Cell Phone	Pens/Pencils
Musical instruments	Swimsuit	Hangers
Hair dryer	Yoga Mat	Snacks
Camera	Laptop/tablet and chargers	Water Bottle
Sports equipment		
Board/Card Games		

### Items You May NOT Bring

TV	Video games consoles/equipment
DVD/BluRay players	Hot plate/hot pot or any electric cooker
Toaster oven/toaster	Microwave
Coffee maker	Refrigerator
Large fitness equipment	Grill
Air conditioner	

**Make you own packing checklist here:**

## GHA 2019: Your Silent World

Students attending GHA 2019 will focus on giving a voice to the voiceless through the lenses of art, media, science, and technology. Participants will build a toolbox that prepares them to identify and advocate for those who can't speak for themselves.

While a traditional focus might be on people who are unable to speak up for their needs, students will also examine nontraditional "silent" sources. The environment, for example, speaks through water that flows next to a community, daily weather, and disease that spreads through classrooms and countries. From a historical perspective, a focused examination of inanimate documents used to shape a nation can bring a silent or forgotten voice to life. Looking through an artistic filter, silent films paved the path for movies enjoyed today, music is used as a protest form for marginalized voices, and visual art is an effective way to speak to the masses.

The silent world will carry GHA to Ohio, where an academy-wide trip to Cincinnati will focus on the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. While there, students will learn about the efforts of those who fought to abolish slavery and secure freedom for all people.

Student-led discussions and activities will shape the dialogue of the academy, with seasoned faculty guiding the way. Through participation, critical thinking, and research in both a classroom setting and through structured enrichment activities, students will leave GHA 2019 with a deeper understanding of their (hopefully) less-silent world.

## Get to Know Our Faculty and Staff

### Cara Bailey, Co-Dean

Cara Bailey is the coordinator of Marshall's prestigious Yeager Scholar Program. She has been with the Honors College since 2014. After earning her BA in Print Journalism with a minor in Political Science from Marshall in 2006, Cara worked for the *Huntington Herald-Dispatch*, *The WV Record*, and the *Charleston Daily Mail*. She also worked as a freelance journalist for a variety of publications. Cara has a passion for working with successful, enthusiastic students and for supporting her community. As an involved member of the Marshall and Huntington community as well as a loving mother of two wild, loveable youngsters, Cara is always on the move. Cara loves to spend time with her children and husband, Thomas. She also enjoys adventuring across the bike paths, rivers, and trails of West Virginia.

### Mallory Carpenter, Co-Dean

Mallory Carpenter has been serving as the first Program Manager for the Honors College's Office of National Scholarships since 2015. She earned her BA in English from the University of Charleston, then went on to earn her MA in English from Ohio University. Mallory has been involved on Marshall's campus since 2010, serving on the English Department's Budget Committee and Hiring Committee and later as Interim and then Assistant Coordinator of Composition. As the National Scholarship Program Manager, Mallory assists Marshall students in applying for major scholarships and has helped many students to success, including winners for Fulbright Summer Institutes and the Boren Scholarship. Mallory is interested in contemporary literature and loves helping students from low socio-economic backgrounds succeed. In her free time, Mallory spends time with her husband, young son, and pets. She enjoys reading and Netflix binges.

### Ryan Adkins, Technology Director

Ryan Adkins is part of the classroom technology support team at Marshall. He has worked in the Information Technology field in various capacities for fourteen years, earning a Masters degree in History from Marshall along the way. Ryan enjoys teaching faculty how to use technology in the classroom and learning about how they incorporate new tech into their teaching pedagogies. Ryan is an avid gamer in his spare time, and also loves to hike in the nearby State Parks with his wife, Kris, and their dog, Roxy. If you ever want to talk Star Wars, Tolkien, or superheroes, Ryan's your guy.

## Victoria Endres, Resident Director

Victoria Endres is a recent graduate of Marshall University where she earned a B.A. in Literary Studies and Creative Writing. She is from Saint Albans, West Virginia. Victoria is a Yeager Scholar and studied abroad in Madrid and Oxford. She has had works published several literary journals and served as the nonfiction editor for Marshall University's *Et Cetera* and a contributor and editor for *Movable*. Victoria attended GSMS in 2011, GHA in 2014, and worked as the Lead Intern for GHA in 2018. She loves Governor's Schools.



## Derek Zelkowski, Intern



Derek Zelkowski recently graduated from Marshall University with degrees in International Affairs and Economics. Growing up in Wheeling, West Virginia, Derek is the youngest of three siblings. His interests include traveling, learning, and self-improvement. He loves movies, comics, and books, regardless of the genre, and is notorious for his contrarian opinions. He loves electronic, hip-hop, and indie/alt music, and he's always down for a game of Ninja. Derek attended GHA in 2014, where he was elected male student representative, and interned for GHA

in 2018. In the fall, he will be enrolling in the University of Kentucky's Patterson School, where he will earn a Master of Arts in Diplomacy and International Commerce.

## Paige Looney, Social Media Coordinator

Paige Looney is a soon-to-be-senior and a member of the Yeager Class of 2020. A Southern Ohio native but born in Huntington, she considers herself a dual-citizen between Ohio and West Virginia, but above all, an Appalachian. Paige is majoring in Political Science and History. She hopes to attend law school after graduation. Or grad school. Or both. Her interests include travel, rock-climbing, and making people laugh. This is Paige's first summer at GHA, and she's excited to work as the social media coordinator. If you see her on campus, ask her to show you pictures of her dog.



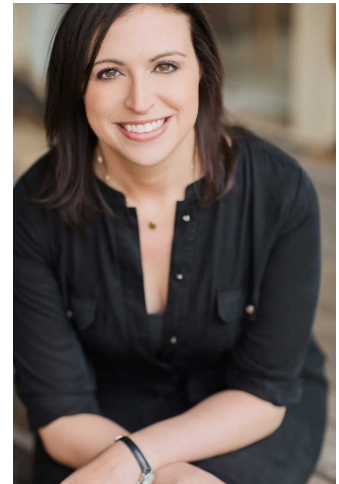


## Cody Hood, Faculty

Cody is a full-time instructor in the math department at West Virginia University while working towards completing his Ph.D. in mathematics, also at WVU. His degree in math will have an emphasis in Research in Undergraduate Mathematics Education focusing on student understanding of the definite integral in an application context. He received his Bachelors of Science in Math in 2013 along with his Masters of Science in Math in 2015, both at WVU. Cody has been teaching at the Governor's Honors Academy since 2014 and he looks forward to sharing his knowledge and gaining even more. In addition to relishing his time at GHA, Cody has a particular interest in running and statistical and data analysis, with an emphasis in fantasy football.

## Kelly St. Pierre, Faculty

This will be Kelly's sixth summer with GHA, and she is pumped. She currently works as an Associate Professor of Musicology at Wichita State University. In addition to her other recent publications, Kelly's first book, *Bedřich Smetana: Myth, Music, and Propaganda*, was released in March, 2017. Immediately after this year's GHA, she will be leaving for the Czech Republic, where she spend the following year working on her second book with the support of a Fulbright grant; she will be researching at the Czech Academy of Science's Ethnological Institute and serving on the musicology faculty of Prague's Charles University.



## Dan Hollis, Faculty

Dan Hollis is a professor in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Marshall University. Hollis is the 2012 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and Council for Advancement and Support of Education West Virginia Professor of the Year and the 2011 recipient of Marshall University's Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award. He also regularly produces award-winning video projects on a full range of topics including the rodeo, road bowling and glass making. His videos can be found on [youtube.com/danhollisvideo](https://www.youtube.com/danhollisvideo). This is his 18th year teaching for GHA.

## **Toneta Akers-Toler, Faculty**

Toneta Akers-Toler is the Founder and Managing Artistic Director of West Virginia's only professional touring dance company in the history of the state. Toneta has a degree in dance from Pittsburgh's Point Park Conservatory of the Arts. Other training includes the Dance Kinetic Institute in New York City, Demonstrator at Alvin Ailey's American Dance Center and three summers at Duke University with the American Dance Festival. Toneta received the WV Governor's Award in 2005 for "Excellence in the Arts."



## **Karen Gergely, Faculty**

Karen Gergely is a native West Virginian with a strong heart for Appalachia. She earned a BFA from Shepherd University and an MFA in Fine Arts from The University of Cincinnati, DAAP. Her work is rooted in community based art and social practice, where she encourages communities to learn together, share experiences, skills, traditions, and stories in the name of art. Gergely is an Associate Professor of Art at Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa, where she teaches a myriad of studio classes, professional seminars, art history, and art ethics and works with Graceland's Honors Program. Gergely is an avid adventurer and loves long distance hiking and bike packing. She recently was inducted into the lowan traditions of bicycling across the state for RAGBRAI and eating deep fried everything at the State Fair.

## **James Steiner-Dillon, Faculty**

James Steiner-Dillon is an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Dayton, where his research focuses on legal factfinding and courts' engagement with scientific expertise. James holds a Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy from the University of California, Berkeley, a law degree and an MA in Philosophy from New York University, and a BA in English from West Virginia University. Prior to beginning his current position, James taught law school courses at Columbia University and the University of California Hastings College of the Law, and was a graduate student instructor in UC Berkeley's Legal Studies and Political Science departments.







## Uyi Lawani, Faculty

Dr. Uyi Lawani is an Assistant Professor of Management (Strategy) in the Lewis College of Business at Marshall University. He teaches both undergraduate and graduate students. He earned a B.Sc. in Microbiology from the University of Benin in Nigeria, an MBA (Finance) from East Carolina University, and a Ph.D. from the University of North Texas where he was a Robert B. Toulouse Fellow. He was awarded the Second Annual Lewis College of Business Dr. Robert B. Alexander Mentorship Award in 2017. This is his second year teaching at GHA.

## John Shirley, Faculty

After attending GHA as a student in 1995, John Shirley earned a BA in English, with minors in theatre and communications, from Bridgewater College, as well as both an MLitt and an MFA in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature in Performance from Mary Baldwin College (now Mary Baldwin University). He has nearly two decades of experience teaching in public and private high school and college classrooms. John works as both the company dramaturg and the director of education for The Rustic Mechanicals – West Virginia's only touring, professional Shakespeare company. This will be his twentieth consecutive summer with the Governor's Honors Academy.



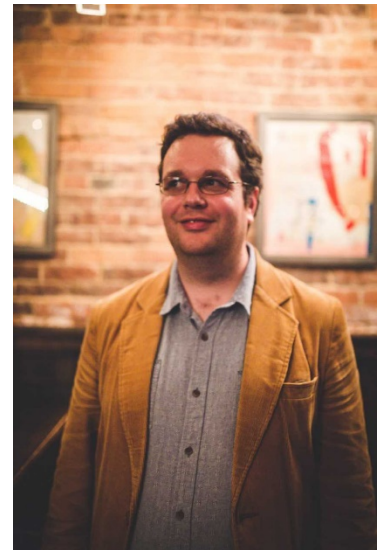


## Adam Booth, Faculty

Adam Booth's storytelling blends traditional folklore, music, and an awareness of contemporary Appalachia. His past appearances include Teller-In-Residence at the International Storytelling Center, New Voice at the National Storytelling Festival, the National Storytelling Conference, the Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Spoken Word Resident at the Banff Centre, collaborations with the West Virginia Dance Company and Goose Route Dance Company, and events in 24 states. He is a member of the Recording Academy (GRAMMYS). Awards for stories and recordings include two Parents' Choice Silver Honors, four Storytelling World Awards and Honors, and four West Virginia Liars' Contest wins. He is most at home sharing stories and music with the next generation of listeners and tellers throughout Appalachia.

## Ian Nolte, Faculty

Ian Nolte lives in Huntington, West Virginia and teaches for the English Department at Marshall University. He is passionate about writing, filmmaking, digital media--and how those three things intersect. He attended the GHA as a student in 1998 at West Virginia University.



## Daniel O'Malley, Faculty

Daniel O'Malley has taught at Marshall University since 2012. Currently he serves as the English Department's Coordinator of Undergraduate Programs and mainly teaches courses in creative writing and contemporary literature. In 2017, he received the Council of Chairs Award for Excellence in Teaching. His BA is in anthropology, from Washington University in St. Louis, and an MFA in fiction writing from the University of Florida. His short stories and essays have appeared in a variety of publications, including 2016's *Best American Short Stories*, and on NPR's *Selected*

*Shorts.*

## Cody Lumpkin, Faculty

Dr. Britton Cody Lumpkin was born in North Georgia, around hog-killing time. He earned a BA in English and Philosophy at the State University of West Georgia, an MFA in poetry at Purdue University, and a PhD in English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His poetry has been published in *Tar River Poetry*, *Prairie Schooner*, and *Rhino*. He currently serves as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of English where he has taught film courses on James Bond, Star Wars, and the Marvel Cinematic Universe.



## Hugh Costello, Faculty



Hugh Costello grew up in Clarksburg, WV and earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering from WVU. He later earned an MS in Mechanical Engineering from MIT in 1985. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of West Virginia. Over 25 years he has held positions as a design engineer at places like Oak Ridge National Laboratory and GE Aircraft Engines. His designs have involved robots, manufacturing automation machines, automated military tanks, mining equipment and hydraulics, and aircraft turbine engines. Currently, he is the Chair of the Engineering Technology Department at Fairmont State University and teaches as an Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering Technology. He resides with his wife, Sandra, and four children in Fairmont, WV.

## Doug Squire, Faculty

Doug is from Charleston, WV, attended GHA in 1998 at WVU, and has taught at GHA since 2011. He graduated from Nitro High School and has a B.A. and an M.S. in mathematics from WVU. Doug has been on the mathematics faculty at WVU since 2006. In 2010, he won the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award, and in 2011, he won the WVU Foundation Award for Outstanding Teaching. He was debate team captain at WVU and has coached debate both at WVU and Pace Academy in Atlanta, GA. He is coauthor of the textbook *Applications of Calculus*. Doug is now a member of the Leadership West Virginia Class of 2019. He likes to play racquetball and ski and is a huge WVU fan. Let's Go Mountaineers!





## Ben Jones, Faculty

Ben Jones teaches geometry and algebra at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School in the Metro Atlanta area. He grew up in Huntington, WV, staying to earn a Bachelors of Science in Mathematics from Marshall University as a Yeager Scholar. In 2018, he earned a Master of Arts in Teaching from Mercer University as a Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellow. He is interested in the intersection of mathematics and technology, both practically and theoretically, and in the ways that people conceptualize complex mathematical ideas. In his free time, he can occasionally be persuaded to hike or bike. He has no children, although he loves his dog Henry very much. He is looking forward to his first year teaching at GHA.

## Zach Alkire, Resident Assistant

Hi! My name is Zachary Alkire and I am a senior Political Science major at Marshall University, and I am from Williamstown, West Virginia. I attended GHA in 2015 and I graduated from Parkersburg Catholic High School in 2016. I am a member of Marshall's Pre-Law Club, I attend Huntington Community Church and I am on student leadership for their collegiate ministry, Campus Collective. I love Jesus, people, sports, music, learning, and laughing. I look forward to an incredible three weeks with all of you!



## Bethany Buckner, Resident Assistant



Hey y'all. My name is Bethany Buckner and I'm from Madison, WV. I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Fairmont State University in 2017, and currently I am studying for a Master's Degree in Public Administration at Marshall with hopes of doing nonprofit work when I graduate. I went to GHA in 2012, was an RA in 2016, and I'm back to be an RA for one more summer! In my spare time, I like to go to concerts, travel, and read. Let me know how I can make your GHA experience the best possible. Take advantage of this program, because it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

## Caralee Casto, Resident Assistant

Howdy y'all! Caralee Casto is a GHA alumnus and was a 2015 Cabell County delegate. Caralee is from Barboursville, West Virginia, and an honors student and upcoming senior at Marshall University. She is currently dual-majoring in Japanese and International Affairs, with a minor in Religious Studies. Caralee has just returned from a year studying abroad in Japan at Kansai Gaidai University, where she was a Gilman, Bridging, and Morgan Stanley Scholar. Outside of school, Caralee is an avid traveler, concert-goer, singer, and part-time cellist. She balances most of her free time between her friends and playing video games.





## Samuel Collins, Resident Assistant

Hello, my name is Sam Collins, and I am a senior at Marshall University. I am currently studying Finance and Economics with a minor in Management. I decided to be a GHA RA because I have experience being an RA at Marshall in Twin Towers East and I worked last summer at a sleep-away camp in Honesdale, PA. As my time is coming to the end of my college career, I find myself being more conservative in what I spend my time in. I only want to be involved in activities that help me grow individually, and that is what I hope GHA will be for you and me. I hope you enjoy the picture of me in a cowboy hat!

## Martha Ellis, Resident Assistant

My name is Martha Ellis, and I just graduated this May from Marshall University with a dual-major in Biochemistry and Spanish. While at Marshall, I was a resident advisor, a tour guide, and I studied abroad in Spain! This coming year, I plan to attend physical therapy school and pursue a career in pediatric physical therapy. In my free time, I like to paint, play volleyball, rock climb, be outdoors hiking and kayaking, and travel to new places. I can't wait to meet you guys this July!



## Ryohei Fukuda, Resident Assistant



About 7,000 miles away from West Virginia, Osaka, Japan is my hometown. My name is Ryohei Fukuda, and I go by Joe because I could not pronounce my name as a kid and called myself Joe instead. I started telling people to call me Joe when I came to the U.S. I usually give them two options to choose by saying, 'if it's easier, you can call me Joe.' I have been pursuing Master of Business Administration in the Lewis College of Business with a finance concentration since summer of 2017. It has been a wonderful experience here at Marshall. Certainly, coming to Marshall is one of the best decisions I have ever made. I would like to show you how amazing being a part of this great school as well as its community is through GHA this summer.

## Amna Haque, Resident Assistant

Amna Haque is a senior at WVU majoring in Biomedical Engineering with minors in Psychology and Women's and Gender Studies. She grew up in Bridgeport and enjoys traveling, cooking, and swimming in her free time. She attended GHA at Fairmont State and served as an RA at last year's GHA at Marshall and is looking forward to returning this summer.



## Brandon Henderson, Resident Assistant



Brandon Henderson is an incoming first-year medical student at Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine with the Accelerated BS/MD Program. In undergrad, he majored in Biology with minors in Chemistry and Psychology while a member of the Honors College. His extracurricular activities have included involvement in various clubs on campus, volunteer outreach, as well as completing three half-marathons. Brandon has also worked as a tutor for the Marshall University Tutoring Center and the Athletic Department throughout undergrad. In 2015, he attended the Governor's Honors Academy at Fairmont State University, and, in 2018, worked as a Resident Assistant for the Governor's Honors Academy at Marshall University.

## Taylor Huddleston, Resident Assistant

Hey there! I'm Taylor Huddleston and I am a junior broadcast journalism major with minors in Spanish and sports management at Marshall University. I'm from Charleston, West Virginia and can be found on the sidelines of any Marshall athletic event. I attended GHA in 2016 and loved every minute of it and all of the memories I made! I am currently an intern for Marshall Communications, a videographer for HerdVision, and a news/sports reporter for the student radio station, WMUL and the student newspaper, The Parthenon. I am passionate about sports, music, Starbucks, and my favorite food: chicken. In the future, I hope to pursue a career in the sports industry.





## Jaclyn Monroe, Resident Assistant

My name is Jaclyn Monroe and I am an International Affairs and Economics double major at Marshall University!! I am very active on campus, as I am a member of the Political Science Honor Society and am president of the Economics Honor Society. I also work on campus at the Marshall Rec Center and was recently promoted to the position of Facility Supervisor. During my free time I enjoy hanging out with my friends, reading books, and watching movies. I am an avid Netflix fan and my favorite series include The 100, The OA, and Stranger Things. Upon graduating I hope to move south (North Carolina is my dream location) and find a job in data analytics.

## Madison Perry, Resident Assistant

Hi, I'm Madison, and I'm from Huntington, West Virginia! I graduated from Huntington High School in 2017. I also attended GHA in 2016, and I will forever cherish the memories that I made!! I am a rising junior at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, where I'm studying English and Writing, Rhetoric, and Communication (WRC). I'm also the Vice President of Chi Omega, and I serve as an Admissions Ambassador and Writing Center Tutor for Transylvania University. I enjoy reading, writing, sports (especially hockey), and binge-watching my favorite TV shows.



## Kyle Powers, Resident Assistant



Hey! My name is Kyle Powers. I'm a Junior Criminal Justice major with a minor in Political Science at Marshall University! I am a Student Athletic Equipment Manager on campus and work Part Time with the Pittsburgh Steelers with their Equipment Staff. I attended the academy in 2016 and absolutely loved it! You will make memories and friendships that will carry on throughout your life! On campus, you can usually find me on the sidelines of Marshall Football games, on the court of Marshall Basketball games or the stands of baseball games. I most definitely bleed green! The next three

weeks are going to fly by so enjoy every minute and GO HERD!



## Sean Riggelman, Resident Assistant



Sean Riggelman grew up in Fairmont, West Virginia, and graduated from Fairmont Senior High School in 2015. Sean has just graduated from Fairmont State University with degrees in both Accounting and Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. Sean will start a Masters in Forensic and Fraud Examination at West Virginia University in the fall. During his time at Fairmont State, Sean was an active member in the Honors Program as well as the President of Fairmont State's chapter of Delta Mu Delta, Kappa Omicron. This year will be Sean's fourth year working GHA. In his free time, Sean enjoys listening to music. One interesting fact about Sean is that he is a fraternal twin.

## Payton Salmons, Resident Assistant

Howdy! My name is Payton Salmons I am a recent graduate of Marshall University where I majored in English and minored in French. I plan to get my Master's in either English Literature or Creative Writing, but I'm indecisive and haven't decided yet. I am a soon-to-be-published author and an avid reader and writer. My hobbies include art, baking, hiking, and napping in any sunny spot I can find. I'm from Wayne, West Virginia and I'm the second youngest of four siblings. Third youngest if you count our dog, Bruiser, which you should because my mother does. This is my second year working as an RA for GHA and I'm super excited to return!



## Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. If I am selected for another honor during the summer, may I come to GHA for part of the time and then leave a few days early to be in another program? What if there's a family wedding? Can I miss a day or two?**
  - A. No. The commitment to GHA is for the full 21 days, and you will be excused only for a verified emergency. Everyone is expected to attend the entire time with no exceptions for weddings or other planned events.
  
- 2. Will there be time to check e-mail?**
  - A. Yes. There are times during the day when students may go to a number of places to check e-mail or to do computer research. In addition, the campus has Wi-Fi, so you can use your personal devices to check for messages.
  
- 3. Can my parents or friends visit during GHA?**
  - A. No. GHA is designed so that you can be totally focused on the activities planned for you. Parents, other family members, and friends are not permitted to visit. Those from the Huntington area need to pay special attention to this.
  
- 4. Will I get the classes I request?**
  - A. Possibly. The classes are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. We do attempt to see that students are enrolled in their first or second choice in either the broad-based or intensive class. Although you may not get your top choice, there are no bad choices.
  
- 5. Will attending GHA enhance my scholarship opportunities?**
  - A. *Some* colleges and universities award financial aid over and above other scholarships for students who complete GHA. You will need to check with the respective institution financial aid office to see if they offer such a scholarship. Scholarships are not financed by the Governor's Schools; neither are they guaranteed.
  
- 6. Will I receive college credit for the GHA classes?**
  - A. No. The classes at GHA are for your enjoyment and intellectual and academic enrichment. Although you will work hard in the classes, they are not designed to meet the requirements of a college-credit course.
  
- 7. Will I really enjoy living with all these rules?**
  - A. Of course you will. Students who attend GHA say that they are the best experiences of their high school career. You will not be "giving up" your summer; instead, you will be gaining tools and making memories for a lifetime.

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