

**Announcing
The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum's
2018 Black History Poster Competitions for Cabell County Schools**

For Immediate Release

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The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum at Marshall University announces expansion of its 2018 Black History Poster Competition to include students at Marshall and students in art classes at all 25 Cabell County Schools. Only Marshall University students were eligible in 2017, the first year of the program honoring Woodson, who is considered The Father of Black History.

Burnis Morris, director of The Lyceum, said, "The first contest went so well we feel confident we can handle more entries from students. After all, Dr. Woodson was a local success story before he went viral, having been a high school student, teacher and principal at Huntington's Douglass High School and a former West Virginia coal miner."

Contest rules have now been revised to reflect the expansion. Marshall and Cabell County competitions will have separate juries. The Cabell County jury features distinguished Marshall University faculty and staff and Huntington area leaders. Dr. Jerome Gilbert, president of Marshall University, is chair of the Cabell Jury and will not judge.

Cabell County students' entries will be judged in three categories: elementary, middle and high school. Each school's principal may nominate up to two students' works and send their nominations directly to Morris, who is also the Carter G. Woodson Professor of Journalism and Mass Communications at Marshall. He will present the entries at a meeting of jurors in early December. The three students submitting winning entries will each receive checks for \$100, and the art teachers of the winners will receive \$50 gift certificates.

One winning entry will be selected in the college contest, and its creator also will receive \$100. The winning entry in the college competition also will be named the official 2018 Black History Poster. Marshall's John Deaver Drinko Academy, College of Education and Professional Development, College of Arts and Media and offices of Intercultural Affairs and Student Affairs contributed to the award funds for all student winners.

Winning entries from both competitions will be reproduced and displayed at several venues.

Woodson is credited with creating Black History Month (which originated in 1926 as Negro History Week), and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, also founded by Woodson, develops the annual Black History Theme and announces it when the president of the United States issues his annual Black History Month Proclamation. The 2018 theme will be "African Americans in Times of War." Students should note that African

Americans have fought for America since the nation's founding, including Crispus Attucks, often called the first American to die in the American Revolution. Woodson's father, James H. Woodson, was a veteran of the Civil War.

Contest participants are encouraged to observe the 2018 theme, and submissions should be consistent with Woodson's goals for preserving and observing black history and improving race relations.

Deadline for all entries is 5 p.m. December 1, 2017. Cabell entries should be submitted by principals or their designated representatives. Hard copies may be hand-delivered or mailed. If school officials elect to mail entries, they should submit them to the post office with sufficient time to reach Professor Morris by December 1.

Cabell teachers and students should read the full statement of the accompanying rules and procedures. Marshall students should refer to the promotional flyer for additional details..

2018 Black History Poster Competition Juries

2018 Black History Poster Competition Jury for Marshall University Students

Renee Denney, President's Office,

Dr. Alan Gould, executive director, John Deaver Drinko Academy,

Cedric Gathings, vice president, Student Affairs

Mary Grassell, retired professor, School of Art and Design

David Harris, treasurer, Carter G. Woodson Memorial Foundation,

Rebecca Johnson, retired journalism professor

Burnis Morris, Carter G. Woodson Professor, ex-officio member

Sandra Reed, director, School of Art and Design, and Jury Chair -- reconfirmed

2018 Black History Poster Competition Jury for Cabell County Schools

(Only for Cabell County students' entries)

Maribea Barnes, assistant professor, School of Art and Design, Marshall University

Maurice Cooley, associate vice president, Academic Affairs, Marshall University

Janet Dooley, director, School of Journalism and Mass Communications, Marshall University

Dr. Teresa Eagle, dean, College of Education and Professional Development, Marshall University

Cedric Gathings, vice president, Student Affairs, Marshall University

Dr. Jerome Gilbert, president, Marshall University – Jury Chair, nonjudging, nonvoting

The Honorable Sean Hornbuckle, delegate, West Virginia House

Don Van Horn, dean, College of Arts and Media, Marshall University

The Honorable Steve Williams, mayor of Huntington

2018 Black History Poster Contest Rules for Cabell County Students

- Qualification:** Entrants must be students enrolled in art classes in a Cabell County elementary, middle or high school. Principals or their representatives may select and nominate the works of no more than two students from their schools.
- Theme:** An image/design that best captures the 2018 National Black History Theme, “African Americans in Times of War” and is consistent with Dr. Carter G. Woodson’s goals for preserving and observing black history and improving race relations.
- Poster:** To be used to promote the 2018 Black History Month events. Parents must agree to give The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum and Cabell County Schools the right to print and use winning student entries in various documents and promotions.
- Size:** Submit one copy of an 8 ½ x 11 document suitable for scanning and reproducing as a poster for printing and emailing.
- Submission:** Submissions may be delivered by hand to Professor Morris at Journalism and Mass Communications offices, or mailed, to the following address:
Professor Burnis Morris, Carter G. Woodson Professor, SOJMC, Marshall University,
One John Marshall Drive, Huntington, WV 25705.
Entries should include the entrants’ names, art teachers’ names, principals’ names and school names (and other information from the attached entry form). Entrants should include a short statement (100 words or less) about why they are interested in this contest. ***Please attach the Entry Form***, which includes space for this statement.

Anyone with questions should contact Professor Morris at morrisb@marshall.edu
- Deadline:** 5 p.m., December 1, 2017.
- Prizes:** \$100 to winners in each category and \$50 gift certificates to their art teachers.
- Notification:** Winners to be informed before Christmas Break.
- Unveiling:** Copies of the winning posters will be printed and unveiled during announcements about upcoming Black History Month events.
- Copyright** Please observe copyright laws. Many images found on the internet are copyrighted or registered trademarks. Students should obtain permission and submit written permission with their entries if the images they use are not within the public domain. Otherwise, they should avoid using such images.

About Dr. Carter G. Woodson

Dr. Carter G. Woodson is considered the Father of Black History. He was a West Virginia coal miner and received his high school diploma in Huntington in 1896 at Frederick Douglass High School, where he returned four years later as principal. A statue on Hal Greer Boulevard honors his connections to Huntington and West Virginia. Marshall University memorialized Dr. Woodson’s achievements by creating The Lyceum in his honor. For details about Dr. Woodson, please follow these links:

<https://asalh100.org/carter-g-woodson-the-early-years-1875-1903/>

<http://www.upress.state.ms.us/books/2088>

Entry Form
The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum's 2018 Black History Month Contest

You may reproduce this form. Please print legibly or type

Student's Name _____ School _____

Student's Age _____ Student's Grade in School _____

Student: Please state why the Contest interests you in 100 words or less.

Student's Contact Info:

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Student's Hobby _____

You must include the signature of a parent or guardian to grant Cabell Schools & The Lyceum the right to use your winning entry in documents and promotions.)

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Signature _____

Phone _____ Email _____

To Be Completed by Schools:

Principal's Name, Phone, Email _____

Name, Title, Phone, Email of Person Submitting this form, if not the principal _____

Art teacher's Name, Phone, Email _____