

INTO **MARSHALL UNIVERSITY**

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INTO Marshall University Welcomes 160 Students from Mexico

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With only three weeks to prepare for the arrival of the students, a task force of university and INTO faculty and staff developed a specialized four week General English program, outfitted an additional 160 on-campus rooms, developed a comprehensive orientation



program and arranged for a staggering amount of student activities.

IN the photo at left, Marshall University President, Dr. Stephen Kopp welcomes members of the Proyecto students.

Eric Martinez-Fry, the Director of the INTO Marshall University Joint Venture Company states, "This has been an all-out effort for the entire university

community. We have pledged to make this the absolutely best experience for Proyecto participants who represent top Mexican universities as both students and faculty. One week in, I am confident in saying that Marshall Proyecto students will report that their experience at Marshall University was an amazing educational experience and a wonderful introduction to American culture."

Stephanie Hurley, Director of Student Experience at INTO Marshall University and at the epicenter of program planning goes on to say, "INTO Marshall University student services have been working diligently to provide students with valuable experiences outside the classroom.

With the primary objectives of practicing English and learning about American culture, the student services team is providing opportunities for students to engage with the Marshall and Huntington communities.”

Specific program efforts include Thanksgiving home visits, a trip to Washington D.C., the conversation partner program, and visiting local business like those at Pullman Square.



In the photo above, students pose in front of the Memorial Student Center Fountain at Marshall University last week.

Beyond sharing Marshall Universities’ deep traditions, INTO Marshall University is also encouraging students to explore the many unique qualities Huntington has to offer. Students toured Pullman Plaza and will participate in Small Business Saturday. The 160 Proyecta students along with another 245 international INTO Marshall University students are encouraged to explore entrepreneurship in the United States by visiting small businesses and learning about Huntington’s rich assortment of services and shops. Says Martinez-Fry, “When I moved here, I was made to feel part of the community and I want to see every single international student feel the same welcome and inclusion. I also want to see them as part of a vibrant downtown that will continue to attract both American and international students.”

More photos of the student’s Huntington experience can be found on the following page.

If you would like more information about INTO Marshall University, please contact Eric Martinez-Fry at eric.fry@marshall.edu



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At left, students gather in front of Marquee Cinemas at Pullman Square for photos.

In the next photo, below, the students are shown at Old Main at the entrance to Marshall's downtown campus.



In the photo at right, students gather in front of Empire Books, Pullman Square in Huntington during a tour of the downtown.

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