



Landmark Experience Day: November 17, 2025

The Landmark Experience is a key part of learning at Marietta. It's how you gain the skills and the real-world experience that prepares you for a successful future and meaningful life. Learning opportunities are available that give you the chance to try new things, practice leadership, explore your interests, and serve others.

Time	Activity	Location
8-8:30 a.m.	Check-in	DBRC
8:30-9:30 a.m.	<i>Opening Sessions (pg. 2)</i> A: Power of Experience: Alumni Panel Keynote/Panel (Breakfast) B: Investigative Studies Symposium	A: DBRC B: THOMAS 124
9:40-10:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions 1 (pg. 3-4)	THOMAS & BARTLETT
10:40-11:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions 2 (pg. 5-6)	THOMAS & BARTLETT
11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Concurrent Session 3 (pg. 7-8)	THOMAS & BARTLETT
1-2 p.m.	Poster Presentations/Creative Displays/ Digital Presentations	DBRC
2-4 p.m.	Opportunity Connect: Career, Internship, grad school, study abroad. Reserve table by November 6 at: https://forms.office.com/r/9vT7vrgbft?origin=lpLink	DBRC
7-8 p.m.	Poets and Playwrights: A poetry reading (pg. 8)	HERMANN Friederich Theatre
8-8:50 p.m.	Get Linked (Virtual Link) (pg. 8)	VIRTUAL

Opening Sessions

Participants in Power of Experience: Alumni Panel (8:30-9:30 a.m., DBRC)

Moderated by Professor Christina Thomas

Panelists include five Marietta College alumni. Read their bios at:

<https://www.marietta.edu/landmark-experience-day>

Jared Farnsworth '23, majored in Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, Master of Physician Assistant Studies

Ross Keller '20, majored in Land and Energy Management, Lead Project Manager, NextEra Energy Resources

Melvin Shuler II '19, majored in Marketing, Managing Partner, IT Recruiting Team Leader, Ringside Talent

Alexis Sommers '24, majored in Entrepreneurship, Communications and Grant Developer, corVita

Kaylie Ward '24, majored in Sport Management, Master of Sport Administration, Ohio University

Investigative Studies Symposium (8:30-9:30 a.m., THOMAS 124)

Summer 2025 Fellowship recipients will present research conducted with faculty mentors:

Charlee Jo Breece, “Effect of Isocorydine on M624 Melanoma Cells and Noncancerous HaCaT Cells” — Mentor: Dr. Suzanne Parsons

Megan Hoover, “An Investigation of the Effects of Cadmium and Manganese on Learning in *Drosophila melanogaster*” — Mentor: Dr. Lynn Bostrom

Concurrent Sessions 1: 9:40 - 10:30 a.m.

THMS – Thomas Hall

BART -- Bartlett

Session	Title	Description	Facilitator(s)	Location
1A	Biology, Health Science, and Environmental Science Capstone Presentations	Students will make an oral presentation on the research project that they have worked on for three semesters. This presentation is one of the culminating assignments associated with their capstone project.	Dr. David Brown, Dr. Lynn Bostrom, and Prof. Tanya Jarrell	BART 166 Starts at 9:30 am, and ends at 12:30 pm
1B	Theatre Capstones and Internships: How an MC Theatre student gets a job	Join the MC Theatre students as they explain how they used their MC training to create experiential opportunities. Hear and see exciting presentations on performance, scenic carpentry, costuming, production management and more.	Prof. Cas Felt, Prof. Andy Felt, and Nathan Bradley	THMS 124 Starts at 9:40 am, and ends at 11:30 am
1C	Physics in Practice: More Than Just a Summer Job	Three students will present work they did during summer internships at Building Bridges to Careers, Central State University, and Ohio State University. The presenters will share topics including outreach to pre-college students, numerical solutions to Quantum systems using Python code, and the synthesis of new materials for battery research.	Dr. Dennis Kuhl	THMS 327
1D	Student Media at Marietta College is more than a resume builder!	Here at MC, students of any major can contribute to WCMO TV, WMRT FM, WCMO LP FM and <i>The Marcolian</i> , our student newspaper, from the moment they step on campus. Join our student leaders and learn how Student Media at MC grows communication skills and increases professional flexibility. (And, by the way, it's also fun!)	Prof. Marilee Morrow	THMS 113
1E	Nutrition Across the Lifespan: An Applied Nutrition Service-Learning Project	Sports Medicine students from the Applied Nutrition class partnered with local organizations to teach age-appropriate nutrition—from toddlers to adults 70+. Learn how they tailored lessons for ages 3–100 and what they discovered about fueling health at every stage.	Dr. Jaclyn Tate	THMS 320

1F	Say What?! The Power of Students' Voices	What's the one skill that travels with you no matter where you go, whether it's to grad school, your first job, or a big career leap? Communication. In this session, students from the Fall COMM 203-03 and 04: Fundamentals of Oral Communication classes share how they had a chance to turn theory into practice to strengthen and apply their communication skills in a way that allowed them to positively impact others. Come to hear directly from students about how their voices were able to spark connections, inspire growth, and open doors.	Prof. Heather Miller	THMS 209
1G	Harassed on All Sides: The Native-White Experience in the Ohio Valley, 1772- 1782	Students in Native America took a field trip to discover what life on the frontier was like in the Ohio Valley in the late eighteenth century. Indians who lived in the Ohio Country had varied responses to white expansion into the region. Therefore, the presentations will focus on the complex Native-white relationships that existed at Gnadenhutten, Schoenbrunn Village, and Fort Laurens. As the 250th anniversary of the United States quickly approaches, come see how students use images they took at each site to reveal the ways in which cooperation, abandonment, and violence were used to navigate an ever-changing landscape during the years of the American Revolution.	Dr. Brandon Downing	THMS 302
1H	Clubs & Orgs: What They Do and Why You Should Join	Getting involved in clubs and organizations makes college more fun and educational. It also shows employers you're more than your coursework. Join MJ Steward, Area Coordinator in Student Life, and a few student leaders for a candid Q&A on how clubs and orgs can elevate your Marietta College experience (and your résumé). Bring your questions!	M.J. Stewart	THMS 312

Concurrent Sessions 2: 10:40 - 11:30 a.m.

THMS – Thomas Hall

BART -- Bartlett

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2A	Biology, Health Science, and Environmental Science Capstone Presentations	Students will make an oral presentation on the research project that they have worked on for three semesters. This presentation is one of the culminating assignments associated with their capstone project.	Dr. David Brown, Dr. Lynn Bostrom, and Prof. Tanya Jarrell	BART 166
2B	Theatre Capstones and Internships: How an MC Theatre student gets a job	Join the MC Theatre students as they explain how they used their MC training to create experiential opportunities. Hear and see exciting presentations on performance, scenic carpentry, costuming, production management and more.	Prof. Cas Felt, Prof. Andy Felt, and Nathan Bradley	THMS 124
2C	From Classroom to Clinic: Community Health Coaching	Attend this session to learn about the Community Health Coaching sequence that takes you from theory to real impact. Led by an interdisciplinary team of clinicians and faculty, HSCI 201/397 pairs students with Memorial Health System professionals to provide one-on-one, goal-oriented coaching to community members. We'll unpack opportunities and challenges in today's healthcare environment and show how supervised practice links classroom learning to measurable outcomes and positive local impact. Student coaches will share what they gained and how the experience shaped their next steps.	Beth Acree, MSN, RN	THMS 327
2D	On the Road with MC: Fieldwork & Student Life Adventures	Discover how academic fieldwork and Student Life travel—from geology trips to Fall Break in Alabama—build skills, perspective, and community beyond campus. Student speakers will share highlights, practical tips, and how to join the next adventure.	Dr. Andrew Beck, Dr. Richard Danford, and Tony Mayle	THMS 320
2E	Show Me the Money: Ex Ed Summer Awards, PioBiz, and PioSolve	Want to land an Experiential Education Award or win PioBiz/PioSolve? Hear past winners share their experiences and best tips and leave with clear steps to compete and succeed.	Dr. Jacqueline Khorassani, Ricci Bailey	THMS 328

2F	Extra! Extra! MAN Fired for Speaking His Truth: A Moot Court Experience	Was William DeNolf a victim of sex discrimination? Olympus State University (OSU) admitted several women with lower test scores to their prestigious Criminal Justice program rather than him. OSU, which also happened to be DeNolf's employer, then fired him for publicly criticizing the university. Were DeNolf's First Amendment rights violated when he was fired just for speaking his mind? Find out in this Moot Court-style judicial showdown.	Dr. Mitchell Krumm	THMS 209
2G	Teachers- Shaping the Future	Teaching is more than lessons. It's planting ideas, inspiring dreams, and shaping the next generation who will lead, create, and change the world. In this session, the Education Department students and faculty show how clinical placements complement classroom learning.	Dr. Amanda Rider	THMS 312
2H	Paid to Learn: The Work- Study Advantage" Paid to Learn: The Work- Study Advantage"	Attend this session to learn how the Work-Study Program works and hear real student stories about the projects they've tackled and the skills they've developed through their work-study experiences.	Brooke Stanley, Andrea Richardson, Lindsay Morgan, and Prof. Holly Menzel	THMS 302
2I	Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Senior Independent Research Proposal Presentations	Capstone projects for Chemistry and Biochemistry majors require students to propose a novel laboratory research project that builds on established research published in the chemical literature. Working side by side with a faculty research advisor, each student must design, submit and defend their grant style research proposal. In these presentations, students will summarize the main objective, background, specific goals and/or outcomes, and methods to be used in the projects.	Dr. Kevin Pate	THMS 113

Concurrent Sessions 3: 11:40 - 12:30 p.m.

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3A	Biology, Health Science, and Environmental Science Capstone Presentations	Students will make an oral presentation on the research project that they have worked on for three semesters. This presentation is one of the culminating assignments associated with their capstone project.	Dr. David Brown, Dr. Lynn Bostrom, and Prof. Tanya Jarrell	BART 166
3B	Why You Should NEVER Study Abroad	JUST KIDDING! We want you to experience the world! Get advice and inspiration from some students who have studied overseas and the professors who took them.	Prof. Marilee Morrow, Prof. Cas Felt, and Kelsey Lavendar	THMS 209
3C	Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Senior Independent Research Proposal Presentations	Capstone projects for Chemistry and Biochemistry majors require students to propose a novel laboratory research project that builds on established research published in the chemical literature. Working side by side with a faculty research advisor, each student must design, submit and defend their grant style research proposal. In these presentations, students will summarize the main objective, background, specific goals and/or outcomes, and methods to be used in the projects.	Dr. Kevin Pate	THMS 113
3D	Market Madness: Learning Economics Through Live Trading	Step into the shoes of buyers and sellers in a fast-paced, live market simulation. You'll negotiate trades in a pit auction and experience firsthand how prices emerge, how markets react to rules, and what happens when governments impose price ceilings or floors.	Dr. Greg Delemeester	THMS 320
3E	Designs for Doo Dah Day 2026: Student Showcase & Vote	Join Graphic Design students from GRPH 450 (Design Studio Workshop) as they unveil their original shirt designs for Doo Dah Day 2026. You'll see a range of creative approaches, hear the stories behind the designs, and cast your vote for your favorite. Your input helps decide which design will represent this iconic event—don't miss the chance to shape the celebration!	Prof. Sara Rosenstock	THMS 124
3F	Real Work, Real Impact:	Get an inside look at two flagship, hands-on programs where students tackle live	Prof. Ann Nicely	THMS 312

	Fifth Street Consulting and the Big Blue Thrift Store Practicum	client challenges and run a campus venture end-to-end. After a quick intro, a panel of 3–5 students will share wins, stumbles, and outcomes, plus practical tips for getting involved this semester.	And Dr. Jacqueline Khorassani	
3G	Connecting Students to Nonprofit Boards: The NextGen Experience	Join us for a panel of NextGen alum who will share their experience serving on the Board of Directors of local nonprofit organizations. LEAD 290 is a 1-credit, 2-semester course that will put YOU on the Board of Directors of a nonprofit organization. Students will share their successes, challenges, and experiences serving in this role and helping to build the capacity of nonprofits in the Mid-Ohio Valley.	Shannan Tschopp	THMS 328

Poster Presentations

(1-2 p.m., DBRC)

More than 150 students will share their experiences through posters, creative displays, and digital presentations. These presentations will highlight internships, research, study abroad, service, and more.

Opportunity Connect

(2-4 p.m., DBRC)

Connecting Students with Career, Internship, Grad School, and Study Abroad Opportunities

Marietta College's Opportunity Connect event provides an opportunity to connect directly with our talented students who are seeking internships, part-time and full-time jobs, grad school, and study abroad opportunities.

All for-profit and nonprofit employers are invited to participate -- for free!

You'll be provided with a table and chairs, and you're welcome to bring materials to promote your organization, programs, and opportunities.

Setup Time: Tables will be available from 12-1:45 p.m. for setup.

[Reserve a table.](#)

Evening events

Poets and Playwrights: A poetry reading (7-8 p.m., Friederich Theatre, HERMANN FINE ARTS CENTER)

Quayle McKay and Finn Hall, the 2025 recipients of Marietta College's Poets and Playwrights fellowship will speak briefly about their fellowship experience and read aloud selections of their work. This event will be followed by a light reception in the lobby of Hermann Fine Arts.

Get Linked, Virtual Workshop (7-8 p.m., Microsoft Teams online)

Alumnus Tyler Baltzell '15, Lead Account Executive at LinkedIn

Learn how to optimize your LinkedIn profile and grow your professional brand.

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