

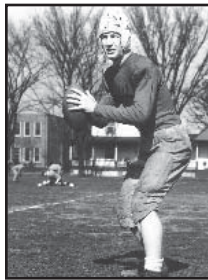
# Marshall's All-Americans

## Herb Royer

Back - 1937

AP "Little" All-America Honorable Mention

Helped Marshall to a Buckeye Conference Championship and a 9-0-1 season as a senior. Two-time all-conference first-team pick who played in the college all-stars vs. the Philadelphia Eagles game in 1938.



## Marvin Wetzel

Back - 1947

AP "Little" All-America Honorable Mention

Was the third-leading scorer in the nation with 108 points in 1947. Led Marshall to a 9-2 record and its first bowl berth on New Year's Day in the Tangernie Bowl vs. Cattawba.



## Billy Smith

End - 1937

AP "Little" All-America First Team

Helped Marshall to a Buckeye Conference Championship and a 9-0-1 season as a senior en route to becoming the school's first first-team All-American.

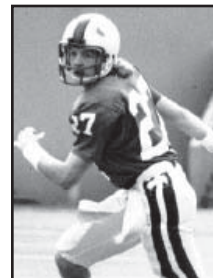


## John "Fuzzy" Filliez

Wide Receiver - 1975

All-Independent First Team, All-South Independent First Team, Associated Press Third Team

Tenth all-time in career receiving yards at MU with 1,954. Filliez caught 54 passes for 657 yards and 7 TDs as a senior.



## Wayne Underwood

Guard - 1937

AP "Little" All-America Honorable Mention

Helped Marshall to a Buckeye Conference Championship and a 9-0-1 season as a senior. Marshall led the East in scoring that swason with 29.7 ppg.

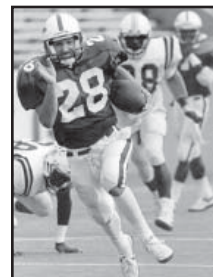


## Mike Barber

Wide Receiver - 1987, 1988

Associated Press First & Second Team, Sports Network First Team, Walter Camp-AFCA

The 1988 I-AA National Player of the Year and the second MU Player to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. MU's all-time leading receiver with 4,262 yards, along with 249 receptions, and 26 career TDs. Set the MU single season mark of 1,757 yards receiving in 1987 and he helped Marshall to its first I-AA National Championship berth.



## Jackie Hunt

Back - 1940, 1941

AP "Little" All-America First Team

A 2004 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee - Marshall's first. Scored 27 touchdowns in 1940. First player in college football history to amass more than 3,000 all-purpose yards in a career.



## Sean Doctor

Tight End - 1987, 1988

Associated Press First Team, Sports Network First Team, Sports Network Second Team

Helped Marshall to the 1987 I-AA National Title game by recording 1,372 receiving yards as a junior, an all-time high for Tight Ends at MU.



## Jim Roberts

Center - 1940

AP "Little" All-America Honorable Mention

First-team All-West Virginia Conference in 1939 and 1940. Teamed with Jackie Hunt and Andy D'Antoni to lead the 1940 Herd to an 8-2 overall record.

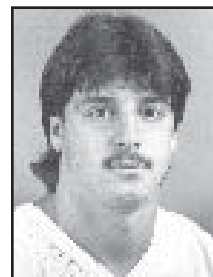


## Sam Manos

Center - 1987

Associated Press Second Team

Played for Marshall's 1987 Southern Conference Championship team that appeared in the National Championship game.

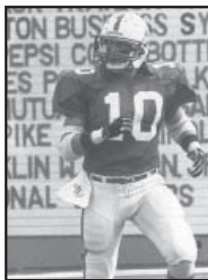


## Mark Snyder

Safety - 1987

Don Hanson Football Honorable Mention

Snyder recorded a school-record 10 interceptions as a senior in 1987, helping the Thundering Herd to its first appearance in the National Championship game at the I-AA level.



## Michael Payton

Quarterback - 1991, 1992

Associated Press First Team, Associated Press Second Team, Sports Network First Team, Walter Camp-AFCA

Payton authored one of the greatest quarterback stories in school history, culminating with the 1992 Division I-AA national championship and the Walter Payton Award - given annually to the I-AA National Player of the Year. A two-time Southern Conference Athlete of the Year, Payton ranks third in Marshall annals in completions (689), passing yards (9,411), touchdown passes (69) and total offense (9,704).

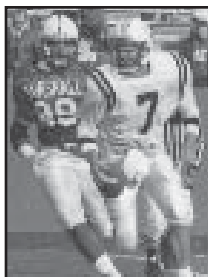


## Nick McKnight

Linebacker - 1988

Sports Network Honorable Mention

McKnight ranks 13th on the Marshall career tackles list with 342. He was a key member of the Herd's 1987 National Runner-Up team.

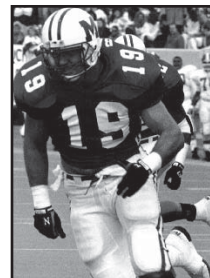


## Mike Bartrum

Tight End - 1992

Associated Press Second Team, Sports Network Second Team

Bartrum, a two-time All-Southern Conference selection, was one of the premiere pass-catching tight ends in Marshall history. He reeled in 109 receptions over his career, the second highest total for a tight end in school history. Nine of his 10 career touchdown receptions came during the Herd's national championship season of 1992, as his 62 receptions that season ranked second on the team.



## Eric Ihnat

Tight End - 1990

Associated Press First Team, Sports Network Second Team, Walter Camp-AFCA

As a tight end, Ihnat led the Southern Conference in receptions (55) in 1990. He was a two-time first team All-Southern Conference performer and finished his career with 11 touchdown receptions.



## Chris Deaton

Offensive Tackle - 1993

Associated Press First Team, Sports Network First Team

Deaton was a workhorse offensive tackle for the Herd from 1990-93, starting every game of his collegiate career - a streak of 56 consecutive games. He proved to be a stalwart left and right tackle over the course of his illustrious career, blocking for all-conference quarterbacks Michael Payton and Todd Donnan. Deaton earned the 1993 Jacobs Blocking Trophy, awarded to the Southern Conference's most outstanding blocker.



## Phil Ratliff

Guard - 1991, 1992

Associated Press Third Team, Associated Press First Team, Sports Network First Team, Walter Camp-AFCA

Ratliff was a two-time All-Southern Conference First Team selection as a guard. He started every game at right guard for the 1992 national championship team, winning that season's Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the SoCon's most outstanding blocker.



## Roger Johnson

Safety - 1993, 1994, 1995

Associated Press Second Team, Associated Press Third Team, Football Gazette Second Team, Sports Network Second Team, Sports Network Third Team, Walter Camp-AFCA

Johnson is Marshall's all-time leading tackler with 548 stops from 1991-94. A converted running back, Johnson became one of the greatest defensive backs in Marshall history. He played a significant role on a team that appeared in three straight national championship games and 59 total games in a four-year span. He paced the Herd in interceptions as a sophomore and junior and ranks 12th on the all-time Marshall interception list (9). Johnson was a three-time All-Southern Conference selection.



## Troy Brown

Wide Receiver/Kick Returner - 1991, 1992

Sports Network First Team (KR), Sports Network First Team (WR), Associated Press First Team

Brown was a highly versatile threat during his illustrious career in the Green & White. Second behind Randy Moss in career all-purpose yards per game with 149.3, Brown was the Southern Conference's leading receiver during Marshall's 1992 national championship run with 101 receptions for 1,654 yards and 16 touchdowns. Brown was a dangerous return man, averaging 23.3 per kick return along with a punt return for a touchdown in '92. He holds the SoCon record for most all-purpose yards in a game with 332 yards versus VMI in 1991.



## William King

Linebacker - 1993

Associated Press First Team, Sports Network First Team, Sports Network Honorable Mention, Walter Camp-AFCA

King was the third leading tackler for the 1992 national champion Herd with 121 stops, 12 of which were for loss, to go along with a team-high four interceptions. He surpassed that total in his 1993 senior campaign, logging a team- and career-best in tackles (178) and sacks (12) on the way to Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Year honors. King's 443 tackles ranks fourth on the all-time school charts.

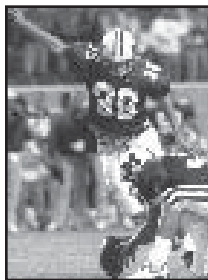


# Marshall's All-Americans

## David Merrick

Kicker - 1993  
Sports Network Honorable Mention

Merrick was a second team All-Southern Conference kicker in 1994. He shares Marshall records for most field goals in a game (4, vs. ETSU in 1993) and season (19, 1993) with two other Herd kickers.



## Tim Openlander

Kicker - 1994, 1996  
Associated Press Second Team, Sports Network Third Team

A three-time All-Southern Conference performer, Openlander brought a steady foot to the Marshall kicking game. He converted 16-of-20 field goals during the Herd's 1996 national championship season with a long of 52 yards. He holds the MU career record in PATs (211) and is tied with two others for the most field goals kicked in a game (4, vs. The Citadel in 1995) and season (19, 1995).



## Chris Parker

Running Back - 1993, 1994, 1995  
Associated Press Third Team, Football Gazette Third Team, Sports Network First Team, Sports Network Second Team, Sports Network Third Team

Parker is the most decorated Marshall running back of the modern era, holding school records in yards (5,924), rushing touchdowns (68), all-purpose yards (7,145) and rushes (1,110). He finished his career as the all-time leading rusher in Southern Conference history (since broken) and was named SoCon Offensive Player of the Year in 1993 and 1995. Parker owns the top three single-season rushing totals in school history. His 1,833 yards during his 1995 senior campaign is No. 1 in Marshall annals.



## William Pannell

Offensive Tackle - 1994, 1995  
Associated Press First Team, Football Gazette Second Team, Football Gazette Third Team, Sports Network First Team, Walter Camp-AFCA

Pannell proved to be one of the Southern Conference's greatest offensive linemen, winning the Jacobs Blocking Trophy in 1995 as the league's most outstanding blocker. The 1994 and 1995 All-SoCon honoree blocked for all-conference quarterback Todd Donnan and was instrumental in running back Chris Parker's run to the SoCon career rushing crown.



## Travis Colquitt

Punter - 1994  
Sports Network First Team

Colquitt was a two-time All-Southern Conference honoree (1993-94) at punter. His 45.1 yard average in 1994 is the best single-season clip in Marshall history.



## B.J. Cohen

Defensive End - 1995, 1996  
Associated Press Second Team, Football Gazette Second Team, Football Gazette Third Team, Sports Network First Team, Sports Network Second Team, Walter Camp-AFCA

Cohen, the 1997 Motor City Bowl Defensive MVP, is Marshall's career leader in sacks with 51. He teamed with Billy Lyon to form a devastating defensive line in which both players tallied a team-high nine sacks during the Herd's 1996 national championship run. Cohen ranks 12th in career tackles (361) at Marshall and was named to the All-Southern Conference First Team on three occasions, along with a first team All-Mid-American Conference nod in 1997.



## Shannon Morrison

Safety - 1994  
Sports Network Honorable Mention

Morrison was an opportunistic safety who was named to the All-Southern Conference First Team in 1994. That season he recorded six interceptions, tied for the fourth highest total in Marshall single-season history. A member of Marshall's 1992 Division I-AA national championship team, Morrison ranks sixth on the school's career interceptions list with 11 picks.



## Billy Lyon

Defensive Tackle - 1994, 1995, 1996  
American Football Quarterly First Team, Associated Press First Team, Sports Network First Team, Sports Network Third Team, Walter Camp-AFCA

Lyon was a dominant force up front for the Herd from 1993-96, a career that culminated with Marshall's second national championship. He, along with fellow defensive lineman B.J. Cohen, posted a team-high nine sacks in 1996. Lyon was a three-time first team All-Southern Conference selection and ranks in the Marshall top-20 in career tackles (304).



## Melvin Cunningham

Cornerback - 1995, 1996  
American Football Quarterly First Team, Associated Press Second Team, Walter Camp-AFCA

Cunningham served as leader of the Herd secondary and was a captain of the 1996 national championship team. He paced Marshall in interceptions (3) during the title march, two of which he returned for touchdowns. His 100-yard interception return for a touchdown versus James Madison in 1994 is a I-AA playoff record. He recorded a team-high seven pass break ups in '96 and ranks fifth all-time at Marshall with 12 career interceptions. Cunningham was a two-time first team All-Southern Conference selection.



## Aaron Ferguson

Guard - 1996

Associated Press Second Team, Sports Network First Team, Walter Camp-AFCA

Ferguson started all 15 games at left guard during Marshall's march to the 1996 Division I-AA national championship. That season, as one of six team captains, he was awarded the Jacobs Blocking Trophy, which goes to the Southern Conference's most outstanding blocker. Ferguson was a four-time All-SoCon selection.

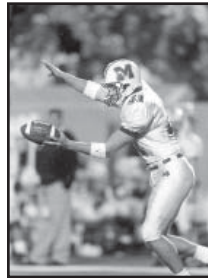


## Chris Hanson

Punter - 1996

Sports Network Second Team

Hanson, a left-footed punter, averaged 44.5 yards per punt during Marshall's 1996 national championship run. A former first team All-Southern Conference selection, Hanson was named to the 2002 AFC Pro Bowl team as a member of the Jacksonville Jaguars.



## Eric Kresser

Quarterback - 1996

American Football Quarterly First Team, Associated Press Second Team, Sports Network Second Team

Kresser played only one season for the Herd after transferring from Florida, but what a season it was. The quarterback was named a first team Southern Conference selection after passing for 3,407 yards and 35 touchdowns in leading Marshall to its second Division I-AA national title. Twenty-three of Kresser's scoring tosses landed in the hands of Randy Moss. Former head coach Bob Pruett's first Marshall quarterback, Kresser completed 60.3 percent of his attempts in 1996.



## Larry McCloud

Linebacker - 1996

Sports Network Second Team

McCloud was a ball-hawking middle linebacker who ranks third all-time in tackles at Marshall (451). He led the Herd in stops every season from 1995-97 and, during its 1996 national championship run, totaled a career-high 150 tackles to go along with two sacks, two forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries and an interception return for a touchdown. Always in the right spot at the right time, McCloud was a two-time All-SoCon First Team selection and a 1997 All-MAC honoree.



## Jamie Wilson

Offensive Tackle - 1996

Football Gazette Second Team

Wilson blocked for All-Southern Conference quarterbacks Todd Donnan and Eric Kresser while paving the way for the SoCon's all-time rushing leader Chris Parker. Wilson was a first team All-SoCon selection in 1996 and a second team member in 1994.



## Randy Moss

Wide Receiver/Kick Returner - 1996, 1997

ABC Sports All-Time, American Football Quarterly First Team, Associated Press First Team, Football Gazette First Team (KR), Football Gazette Second Team (WR), Football News (Preseason), FBWAA, Playboy Preseason, Sports Network First Team (WR), Sports Network Second Team (KR), Sporting News Freshman All-America, Sporting News, Walter Camp-AFCA



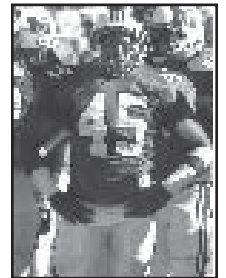
In two short seasons, Randy Moss became an instant star, helping guide the Thundering Herd to the 1996 Division I-AA national title and its first bowl game as a Division I-A member in 1997. Moss posted 1,707 receiving yards as a freshman in 1996 to go along with an NCAA-record 28 touchdown receptions. As a sophomore, Moss caught a career-high 90 passes for 1,647 yards and 25 touchdowns to lead the Herd to 10 wins in 1997 - the most wins by a first-year Division I-A program in NCAA history. Moss' 53 touchdown receptions are an NCAA Division I record. Moss' 288 receiving yards against Delaware in 1996 are a single-game and Joan C. Edwards Stadium record. In 1997, he capped his collegiate career with a trip to the Downtown Athletic Club as Marshall's first Heisman Trophy finalist. He won the Biletnikoff and Paul Warfield Awards as the nation's top receiver. He was drafted in the first round by the Minnesota Vikings (21st overall selection) in the 1998 NFL Draft. Moss is the only player in NFL history to have surpassed 1,000 receiving yards in each of his first six seasons.

## Jermaine Swafford

Linebacker - 1997

Walter Camp-AFCA

Swafford, who ranks in the Marshall top-10 in career tackles (365), was a captain and second-leading tackler of the 1996 Division I-AA national championship team. The Herd's bid for an undefeated season that year was in jeopardy in the regular-season finale against Furman, with the Paladins leading Marshall at the half. Just a minute into the third quarter, it was Swafford who sparked the Herd to victory with his first and only career interception, which he returned 33 yards for a touchdown.

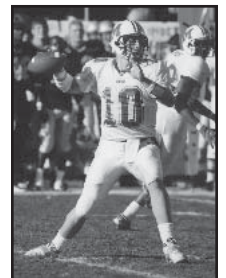


## Chad Pennington

Quarterback - 1998, 1999

CoSIDA Academic All-America

Pennington is Marshall's career leader in five major passing categories, including pass attempts (1,619), completions (1,026), passing yards (13,143), touchdown passes (115) and total offense (13,048). He compiled three consecutive 3,000-yard passing seasons, including a career-high 3,799 in 1999. That year, he engineered arguably one of the greatest comebacks in school history. Trailing 23-0 in the third quarter of the MAC Championship Game, the Herd scored 27 points on only 18 offensive plays to grab a 27-23 lead over Western Michigan. The Broncos regained a 30-27 lead with 7:20 left in the game; however it was more than enough time for Pennington to construct a 76-yard drive. With only four seconds remaining, he found Eric Pinkerton in the end zone for the game-winning touchdown.



## Rogers Beckett

Safety - 1999

Sporting News Third Team

Beckett, a 1999 Thorpe Award finalist, was part of Marshall's stellar class of 1999 that lost only four games in four seasons. A three-year starter and two-time team captain, Beckett was a hard-hitting safety that solidified the Marshall secondary. In his first collegiate contest, Beckett blocked a punt and recovered it in the end zone against Howard then book-ended his career with a key interception four years later in his last game to seal the Motor City Bowl victory versus BYU.



# Marshall's All-Americans

## Jimmy Parker

Defensive Line - 2000  
CoSIDA Academic All-America

Parker proved to be a valuable piece of the Herd defense throughout his collegiate career, logging starts at linebacker, defensive tackle and defensive end. He started the final 37 games of his career on the defensive line, leading the Mid-American Conference in tackles for loss (21) in 2000 while also tallying a career-high 70 tackles. Parker's three sacks and 66 tackles in 1999 garnered him second team All-MAC honors.



## Johnathan Goddard

Defensive End - 2004  
Associated Press Second Team, CBS Sportsline.com First Team, FBWAA, Walter Camp-AFCA Second Team

Goddard enjoyed a storybook ending to his career in 2004. He led the nation in sacks (16) and tackles for loss (28.5) en route to being named the Mid-American Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Also became the first Marshall player ever to be named a finalist for the prestigious Bronko Nagurski Trophy.



## Josh Davis

Wide Receiver - 2001  
Sporting News Freshman Third Team

Davis finished his career with the second-most career receptions in NCAA history (306). He also finished ninth in career receiving yards with 3,889 - 142 yards behind teammate Darius Watts. Davis and Watts combined to form one of the most threatening receiving duos in NCAA history, while catching passes from current NFL quarterback Byron Leftwich.



## Albert McClellan

Defensive End - 2005, 2006  
Two-Time CFN.com Honorable Mention

McClellan, a Conference USA All-Freshman selection, started six games at defensive end for the Herd as a true freshman, including the last four games of the season. McClellan recorded 40 tackles (26 solo stops). His seven tackles for loss (for 26 yards) were the second-most on the team. He finished third on the team with three sacks (for 21 yards)



## Byron Leftwich

Quarterback - 2001, 2002  
College Football News Fourth Team, Football News Preseason Second Team

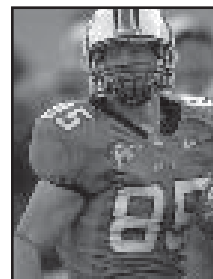
Leftwich's decorated Marshall career left him as one of the most prolific passers in college football history. The rifle-armed quarterback ranks second in school history in completions (939), passing yards (11,903), touchdowns (89) and total offense (12,084), setting Mid-American Conference records in those categories except for TD passes (Pennington, 100). Leftwich, who threw only 28 interceptions in 1,442 career attempts, is the Herd's all-time leader in completion percentage (65.1 percent), third highest in MAC history. He is one of only three quarterbacks in NCAA history to post multiple 4,000-yard passing seasons in a career, reaching that mark in 2001 and 2002 (T. Detmer & T. Chang, three each).



## Cody Slate

Tight End - 2006  
The Sporting News Freshman All-American

Led all Thundering Herd receivers with 43 catches, 684 yards and recorded six touchdowns in his first campaign and became the first freshman to lead Marshall in receiving since Randy Moss in 1996.



## DeQuan Bemby

Cornerback - 2008  
CFN.com First-Team Freshman All-American

Recorded 80 tackles, including 7.5 tackles for loss as a redshirt-freshman. Defended 11 passes and recorded an interception en route to earning all C-USA Freshman Team honors and Freshman All-American accolades from CollegeFootballNews.com.



## Darius Watts

Wide Receiver - 2001, 2002  
ABC TV Second Team, College Football News Third Team, Football News Preseason Second Team, Sporting News Fourth Team

Watts' wide receiver resume at Marshall is one of the finest in school and NCAA history. He finished with the second most TD receptions (47) in NCAA annals and logged the most receiving yards (4,031) in Mid-American Conference history, joining Mike Barber as the lone Herd receivers to eclipse the 4,000-yard mark. His career receptions mark of 272 is second in MAC and school history behind former teammate Josh Davis.



## Steve Sciuolo

Offensive Tackle - 2002  
Playboy Preseason

Sciuolo anchored one of the most potent, ball-moving offenses in the country from 1999-2002, protecting record-setting quarterbacks Chad Pennington and Byron Leftwich. Sciuolo started every game that he played in at Marshall - at right tackle his freshman season before solidifying the left tackle position the next three years - a run that reached 52 straight games, the nation's longest games started streak at the time.

