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Engineering a Career Powered by Scholarships

“At Marshall, the people are my favorite,” says Isaac Evans, a soon to be alum with a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering.

When Isaac’s college journey began, he knew he would have to work part time. “Marshall had plenty of employment opportunities while remaining a compact campus,” he says. “I have gotten to know so many great people, just by being their co-worker.”

Isaac is the recipient of a few scholarships, namely the Morris E. and Kathleen Thomas Memorial Scholarship for Engineering, Earl Mullineaux Trust Scholarship, for which he is thankful since they cover the cost of books and living expenses.

“If alumni are capable, contributions mean students in my position can get an education and eventually repeat the cycle of bringing each person, literally, to a higher degree,” Isaac says.

Spending five years at Marshall, Isaac completed courses primarily in the Weisberg Family Engineering Labs and Gullickson Hall, but also found himself in the Science Building and Smith Hall. “The Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex was a huge motivation booster to stick with the program,” Isaac says. “Thanks to the new laboratory equipment, many classes became more hands-on.”

Isaac says his favorite part of the program, specifically, was the fluid mechanics laboratory with Dr. Wait, while generally, he enjoyed working closely with faculty on coursework and extracurricular activities.

Representing the engineering department at Discover Engineering Day in Charleston, Isaac has also been a member of a professional engineering fraternity and American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He twice participated in the West Virginia Makes Festival and served as the head of marketing for the Society of Automotive Engineers Baja Buggy Racecar.

Upon his May 6 graduation, Isaac hopes to remain in the tristate area and gain experience with a local industry. While he is most excited to apply what he has learned about mechanics and finite element analysis to real world situations, he has big dreams for Marshall. “I want the university to become a major competitor against other engineering schools, but at a more affordable price for West Virginia students,” Isaac says. “I want it to begin a generation of people and industries that want to contribute back to West Virginia.”



Fun Facts:

Class of 2017

Major:

Mechanical Engineering

Hometown:

Beckley, West Virginia

Textbooks or eBooks:

Textbooks, if you can rent them.

Favorite Color:

Green

Favorite Food:

Mexican

Favorite place on campus:

The alley between Old Main and Smith Hall, especially when the trees are in full bloom.

Favorite place in Huntington:

Ritter Park