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OF APPRECIATION

Embracing Diversity

“I love that I have found myself within the help of this school and have grown confident in my abilities to be great beyond my years here at Marshall,” said Christian Davis, a senior public relations major. “The teachers are an incredible resource and care about seeing you graduate and do great things.”

Christian credits Terry Hapney as a great professor in the public relations program and believes Professor Hapney’s knowledge and eagerness to help students succeed makes him easy to work with. Upon graduation, Christian plans to move to Philadelphia or the Carolinas to further his career.

“I am fortunate for all of the hands-on work and experience my major requires,” said Christian. “Within this field, there is always an opportunity to learn something new because the industry we are in is constantly changing.”

As a native of Huntington, who loves the community aspect, it was Marshall University’s inclusiveness that drew Christian to enroll. “It was easy to feel like I fit in from the day I started attending,” he said.

In high school, Christian was a part of the Health Science Technology Academy (HSTA), which provided a four year scholarship. He describes scholarships as a great encouragement. “It’s humbling to know there are people and programs out there that genuinely wish to see the success of young people and will go as far as paying for their schooling or funding it in some way,” said Christian.

At Marshall, Christian found himself joining groups at random. He has been a part of IOMU, an on-campus college ministry group and Black United Students, whose events he often participates. This fall, he plans to join the LGBTQ+ office. Christian’s goal is to help implement some new things and see this particular demographic grow a stronger presence on campus and have more opportunities for activities. Embracing diversity is a path that he hopes Marshall University and our alumni pursue for years to come.



Fun Facts:

Class of 2017

Major:
Public Relations

Hometown:
Huntington, West Virginia

Textbooks or eBooks:
Textbooks so I can have something tangible

Favorite Color:
Teal

Favorite place on campus:
The Center for African American Students is my “safe zone.” Being a person of color, it helps to know there is a place that I can go to meet up with other students who are just like me, sharing similar experiences and cultural habits.