



Becoming the Best I Can Be

“The best teacher I had in school went to Marshall,” said David Crawley, a senior majoring in secondary education with a major in social studies. “I figured that in order for me to be the best teacher I can be that I should attend the same university he did.”

The Liverpool, England, native moved to Weirton, West Virginia, in 2004. “I loved America and West Virginia, but it never really felt like my home, until I came to Huntington,” said David, who recently passed his American Citizenship test and is waiting to become a full American. He loves Marshall because of the emphasis on a family feeling. “There is a sense of community on this campus that I have never felt elsewhere,” he said.

David has two favorite places on campus- the Student Government Association (SGA) office in the Memorial Student Center and the John Marshall Statue, a place he finds himself when he is uncertain of where he is going or how he is doing academically.

“Its wise face and confident stride make me feel better,” said David, “and the SGA office is a tight-knit group that does a lot of good for our campus.” In addition to SGA, he works in Marshall University’s Student Affairs Department in Community Outreach and Volunteer Services.

David strives to learn how to help make West Virginia’s education system one of the best in the country and says his methods classes are his favorite.

“They give me new, innovative ways to teach content to my students,” he said, adding that Dr. Kathy Seelinger is his favorite professor.

“If the education department had ten of her, we would be putting out the best teachers in the country. She has a youthful energy combined with years of experiences and teaches some of the most important information we will ever have, in regard to teaching ethics,” said David.

The recipient of privately funded scholarships and grants, David believes they are important because without them, he could not obtain his degree.

“If I am ever in the financial situation to support a scholarship, I would set up a fund at Marshall to help the next generation of Marshall students succeed.”

Fun Facts:

Class of 2018

Major:

Secondary Education with a major in social studies

Hometown:

Liverpool, England

Textbooks or eBooks:

eBooks; they save space and are more convenient

Favorite Color:

Kelly Green

Favorite place on campus:

The John Marshall Statue

Favorite thing about Huntington:

“I love all of Huntington from Pullman to the West End. Our community is being hurt by an opioid epidemic, but we are fighting back together. That sense of community and passion helped me realize how much I love West Virginia and its people; how much I want to help make it better. Huntington is the Jewel City, and while our jewel is scuffed right now, we will make it shine bright again, one day.”