

# Artifacts

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### The People Make the Difference

“The people, the people, the people!” exclaimed Angel Wallace when asked what she loved most about Marshall University. “The students, staff and faculty take the titles of ‘sons’ and ‘daughters’ very seriously. The people here are supportive, driven and so much fun. I don’t care what other universities want to boast about, you will never find a better community than right here on Marshall’s campus.”

The Proctorville, Ohio, native said Marshall was an obvious choice due to the proximity to home, her father working on campus and the comfort of knowing the university.

“By going to Marshall, I got great financial aid, I was able to keep my job and car and study what I love in a place I know,” Angel said.

The English major is wrapping up her freshman year and has enjoyed the discussions that take place in the English department. Upon graduation, she hopes to attend law school to advocate for those who cannot.

As the recipient of several scholarships, Angel is deeply appreciative to the donors who make these awards possible.

“For me, scholarships mean the difference between being able to earn a degree or not being able to,” she explained. “These scholarships also allow me to pursue my education without constantly worrying about money. I am able to put my concentration on what matters most to me—my degree. Your (donors) generosity inspires me to work hard and make sure the money that I have received is being invested in a bright future.”

She hopes to one day be in the position to give back to Marshall.

“Marshall is my home and has already given me so much. In just one year, I have made amazing friendships that will last a lifetime and had so many wonderful opportunities to better myself and serve my community,” she explained. “I want to give back to Marshall and the incoming students so that they can have access to the same education and opportunities that I did.”

In addition to being a full-time student and working part time, Angel is active with the Student Government Association (SGA), which is her favorite place on campus.

“From watching documentaries to tackling issues on Marshall’s campus to helping brainstorm for someone else’s project to group hugs for a too-stressed friend, the SGA office is my comfort zone on campus,” Angel said.

She enjoys waving at people she passes on her way to class and sitting by the Memorial Fountain, too. Her hope for Marshall is that it remains welcoming.

“I hope to see more students with a passion for learning and helping others,” she concluded, “whose ideas can improve the university to be even better than when I was here.”



#### Fun Facts:

Class of 2021

**Major:**

English

**Hometown:**

Proctorville, Ohio

**Textbooks or eBooks:**

Textbooks

**Favorite Color:**

Pink

**Favorite thing about Huntington**

I love all of Huntington’s small businesses. Small, locally owned restaurants like Black Sheep and Butter It Up! make me proud to call Huntington my home.