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OF APPRECIATION

Scholarships Allow Students to Invest in their Future

"I chose to attend Marshall after attending a Memorial Fountain ceremony. Being able to experience the community of Huntington combined with the students of Marshall University provided for a unique community feeling other universities cannot provide," explained Rachel Rohrbach.

The senior will graduate in the fall of 2018 and is double-majoring in accounting and political science. Her favorite thing about Marshall is the relationships students can form with their professors.

"My professors are invested in my growth as a student and my transition into becoming a young professional. They not only help me personally with my classwork, but also give advice for my career and other opportunities that arise," she explained.

Citing Dr. Ben Eng from the Lewis College of Business as her favorite professor, Rachel believes he pushes her out of her comfort zone. He also nominated her for a program called The Fund for American Studies in Washington, D.C., which requires students to intern, take classes through George Mason University and participate in professional development events.

This past spring, she completed the program and had the opportunity to intern for Senator Shelley Moore Capito.

"Interning on Capitol Hill allowed me to be around the most influential leaders in America and allowed me to watch U.S. history unfold right in my workplace," said Rachel.

As a recipient of the PROMISE Scholarship as well as a scholarship that was privately funded from the Lewis College of Business, she thinks they are important.

"Scholarships are important because it allows students the opportunity to have a better future for themselves. It allows students to invest in their education. Not only does it help them in their undergraduate education, but it gives them more to save (money) to potentially go to graduate school," she explains.

Scholarships have also allowed Rachel to be involved in many extracurricular activities, such as Alpha Xi Delta, the Lewis College of Business Dean's Student Advisory Board, Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi. She is also a member of the Honors College.

Her hope for Marshall is that it becomes more involved in the business community of Huntington.

"I hope the campus encourages and provides more ways for students to intern in the business community before they graduate. Students should have professional job experience before graduating," she explains. "Increasing the number of students completing internships would better the students professionally and would better the community of Huntington by connecting Marshall and Huntington, more so."



Fun Facts:

Class of 2018

Major:

Accounting and Political Science

Hometown:

Huntington, West Virginia

Textbooks or eBooks:

Textbooks so you can hold the text, highlight and write notes

Favorite Color:

Pink

Favorite thing about Huntington:

My favorite thing about Huntington is the caring attitude everyone has towards each other. Everyone cares about the community and wants to fix the problems Huntington faces together. Everyone cares about each other's families and friends and looks out for one another.