

# Artifacts

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## OF APPRECIATION

### Scholarships Mean the World to Students

“My scholarships mean the world to me. Without them, college would have only been a dream,” said Zack Cleary, a freshman from Proctorville, Ohio.

Zack is double majoring in music education and music performance. He plays primarily trombone, but can also play the euphonium. “My favorite part of the program are the ensembles! I absolutely love going to them,” said Zack. “I am most looking forward to learning new instruments. I love a good challenge.”

Growing up around Marshall University, Zack said he has wanted to be a part of the amazing tradition his entire life. “I love the people,” said Zack. “From faculty to other students, they made me feel more welcome than any other college I toured.”

Zack’s favorite place on campus is the college green situated in the center of Huntington’s campus, among Old Main, the Memorial Student Center and Buskirk Hall. “It’s such a gorgeous place that I look forward to walking through on my way to class.”

Involved in the John Marshall Fife and Drum Corps, where he plays a French hunting horn, and Marshall’s marching band, the Marching Thunder, Zack cites Dr. Michael Stroehrer, professor of low brass instruments, as his favorite faculty member. “He has been the most phenomenal teacher I have ever had in my entire life,” said Zack. “He is extremely knowledgeable and personable.”

Zack is both a member of the top choir at Marshall University and sings at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church during Sunday services. To relax, he enjoys Ritter Park, and is proud of how much Huntington, West Virginia, has grown. “I have watched it change so much growing up,” said Zack. “My favorite thing is how accepting and diverse the Jewel City has become.”

Zack plans to attend graduate school after earning his dual degrees in May 2022, and hopes to see Marshall continue to prosper. “Alumni should give back to keep the university as amazing as it was whenever they were here,” said Zack. “Without alumni, Marshall would not thrive.”

“Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Copen, for helping make my dream a reality,” said Zack. “With this scholarship, I have been able to grow both as a person and a musician.”



#### Fun Facts:

Class of 2022

#### Major:

Music Education and Music Performance

#### Hometown:

Proctorville, OH

#### Favorite thing about Huntington:

The diversity

#### Extracurricular Activities:

Zack is a member of John Marshall Fife and Drum Corp, Marshall’s marching band, the Marching Thunder and the top choir. Additionally, he sings at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church in Sunday services.