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OF APPRECIATION

Scholarships are an Encouragement

"I chose to attend Marshall University because it is home to me. The city is not too big and not too small; it is the perfect size. Being from a small town, Huntington brings more opportunity. There is something for everybody at Marshall, and I have felt welcome here since day one," said Sydney Hunter of Ripley, West Virginia.

Majoring in business management, Sydney hopes one day manage her own business, possibly in health care management. After a semester in the nursing program, Sydney realized that it was not for her and recalled how much she enjoyed business courses she took in high school and the work she did for her co-op program.

"I feel health care management would be perfect for me because while it is business centered, I could also be involved with the health care aspect, without being a hands-on caretaker," she said.

Sydney is enjoying gaining new knowledge in different areas. Her favorite place on campus is Drinko Library because it allows her to study. Another place she enjoys studying is the Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex.

As Sydney begins her sophomore year, she acknowledges the difference scholarships have made in her higher education.

"Scholarships have been a huge encouragement for me. It is rewarding to know someone has hope for your future and wants to see students succeed," she explained. "I would like to say a huge thank you to each of my scholarship donors. Your trust has pushed me to stay on track and I am even more motivated to succeed while here at Marshall."

Sydney's family has made sacrifices for her and her sister, who is two years older, to achieve their goals and attend Marshall.

"Both of us having scholarships have helped tremendously with financial aid. Having scholarships has motivated me to go the extra mile to succeed," she said. "Without the Delbert Carney Staats Memorial Scholarship and the A. Michael Perry Scholarship, I would not be able to pursue my passion."

In her spare time, Sydney works at the Marshall Artists Series and INTO Marshall, which she believes has prepared her for the workforce and taught her new skills.

"I have gained new relationships and being employed as a full-time student has shown me how to be a responsible adult," she explained.

A fan of the sense of community, Sydney hopes the Huntington campus and the city continue to grow.

"Marshall's campus is easy to navigate, everything is in close distance to one another. Marshall has a beautiful campus and has a solid ground to pave the way for future generations."



Fun Facts:

Class of 2021

Major:
Business Management

Hometown:
Ripley, West Virginia

Favorite thing about Huntington:
The sense of community. West Virginia is home to friendly folks, no matter what city.

Textbooks or e-Books:
Textbooks

Favorite Color:
Green— Go Herd!