

Marshall Gives More than an Education

“Marshall offers all the opportunities of a big school, while also allowing students to have smaller class sizes and a reasonably sized campus,” said Alison Shufflebarger, a native of Crab Orchard, West Virginia.

“I applied to seven or eight schools, but Marshall really felt like the place I was meant to be. For starters, it was closer to home--about two hours. Secondly, I was impressed by Marshall’s pharmacy program. The idea of actively learning was a new concept to me, but I felt this would be the best way to prepare myself for my career. Lastly, I loved the atmosphere of campus.”

Majoring in chemistry, Alison hopes to begin Marshall University’s School of Pharmacy in the fall of 2020 and graduate in 2024. She then aspires to start her career and settle down.

“I have always wanted a family and I am excited to start that part of my life in the future,” she explained.

Alison says she enjoys the chemistry program and believes each professor she has had has been outstanding and truly cares for their students. Currently studying organic chemistry, she is enjoying the topics and excited to dig deeper into the content.

As a recipient of the Dr. Daniel P. Babb Scholarship and the Board of Governors Scholarship, Alison said they provide peace of mind.

“I cannot describe the relief I feel from getting these scholarships,” she said. “...There is no possible way for me to accurately describe how grateful I am for the donors that allow me to continue my education.”

Her hope is that Marshall’s Huntington campus expands through new academic buildings and residence halls and through renovating current facilities.

“I want to see Marshall a block wider, with many more post graduate programs, like a law school,” she explained.

Alison’s favorite place on campus is the fourth floor of Drinko Library and she says she thinks the campus is most beautiful when it is freshly covered in snow. She is involved with the Huntington Advocators, a group that works to enhance life in Huntington through community service and small business support, and intends to become involved with Marshall’s Pre-Pharmacy Club. She believes in giving back if you can and is particularly inspired by the alumni who do so to help students.

“I’ve always felt we should give back to those who need it, if we are able. Giving back to a place that changes your life could easily change the life of someone else. I hope to one day give back to the school that has given me much more than an education.”



Fun Facts

Class of 2020

Major: Chemistry with hopes of attending pharmacy school

Hometown: Crab Orchard, West Virginia

Textbooks or eBooks: Textbooks

Favorite color: Dark Purple

Favorite place off campus: Pullman Square and Ritter Park

Favorite thing about Huntington: There are so many things to do around Huntington and tons of good food.