



## Scholarships Impact the Entire World

“I love the size of Marshall’s student body. It’s large enough that it doesn’t have the claustrophobic, small-town feeling, but it’s small enough that you can get to know your professors and a few people in your major fairly easily,” said Jo Tremmel, a biological sciences major with a cell, molecular and medical emphasis.

The Sigourney, Iowa, native heard about Marshall through her aunt, who used to work at the university, and liked the idea of going away to school, but being close to family.

“None of the schools in Iowa quite had the family feel that Marshall does. It’s nice to be able to get a bit of distance to become something close to a real adult, but also to have someone close by if I ever need anything,” Jo explained, adding that she liked the layout of the Huntington campus because the public institutions in Iowa have sprawling campuses.

Originally a member of the Class of 2020, Jo’s hard work ethic has put her on track to graduate in December of 2019. She intends to continue her education, eventually pursuing her doctorate in the field of epigenetics to personalize cancer treatments.

“This would theoretically work by targeting specific mutated sequences of the genome in the person’s cancerous cells, so that treatment wouldn’t have to be as harsh for the patient and they could have a better quality of life during treatment,” she said.

Jo said she enjoys talking to her professors about their research and studying in the third floor atrium of Drinko Library, except during finals week, when she prefers the quietness of Morrow Library. She also likes to go see the fish on the third floor of the science building or take a quick nap on the bridge over the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Building.

She looks forward to taking her capstone course, because she likes conducting research and working in the technical lab. Her favorite season is autumn because of the weather, holidays and her birthday, but also because she likes catching up with her friends after summer breaks and serving as a peer mentor for incoming freshmen.

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In addition to serving as a peer mentor, Jo is involved on Marshall's campus by serving as Parliamentarian of the Student Government Association (SGA). She volunteers with her fellow SGA members at the A.D. Lewis Center in Huntington and plays intramural volleyball.

"Last semester I spent six months revising the constitution for SGA. This year, I'm working on the by-laws," she said.

Jo believes alumni can support their alma mater in many ways--monetarily, cheering on the team at a sporting event or by wearing the university's logo in public- and each one has value. As a scholarship recipient, Jo is particularly grateful for their support.

"Money is almost always valuable, but in the case of scholarships, the money is going towards someone learning about what they love and what to do with their life. That student's enthusiasm in research areas has an infinite amount of potential to impact the lives of thousands of people for hundreds of years to come," explained Jo. "People and organizations that fund scholarships are not just paying for someone to go to school and get a degree; they are increasing the chance that the next new universal theory, equation or design movement gets created and impacts the course of the rest of human and world history."

"Thank you, for all the reasons stated above. Scholarship donors are in some ways saying, 'I believe that you can do those great things. I recognize that today you need a degree to do a lot of things. Here is some help to do what you want to do. Don't worry about paying for this part of learning, just learn.'"

### Fun Facts

**Class of 2019**

**Major:** Biological Sciences with a cell, molecular and medical emphasis

**Hometown:** Sigourney, Iowa

**Favorite color:** Purple

**Textbooks or eBooks:** eBooks. I appreciate being able to instantly search for a keyword or phrase in an eBook and be able to see all of my highlights in one color and in one place. With the high cost of physical textbooks, eBooks save me literally hundreds of dollars each year.

**Favorite place off campus:** The Harris Riverfront Park is a nice place to have a picnic, but I also live on the St. Mary's walking trail that has views of the Ohio River, (which is nice), as well.

**Favorite thing about Huntington:** Huntington has an infinite amount of amazing food options- Fat Patty's, Marshall Hall of Fame Cafe, Backyard Pizza and Highway 55 are my go-to.