

“The scholarships that I have mean the world to me. Without having scholarships, I would not be able to attend college. Due to having scholarships, I am able to make a better future for myself,” said Kait McClure. “To the donors of the scholarships that I receive, I would like to say thank you. You have helped make my dreams come true. I knew my entire life that I wanted to college, although it never seemed like it would be a reality.”

Growing up in Tad, West Virginia, near Charleston, Kait chose to attend Marshall because she is far enough away to be independent, but close enough to visit. Majoring in criminal justice, she intends to graduate in 2020. After graduation, she plans to attend law school to become a prosecuting attorney.

As a criminal justice student, she has enjoyed visiting a prison and completing a forensic science course and credits Dr. Wendy Perkins as her favorite professor.

“Dr. Perkins has a long history working with the criminal justice system, which helps students learn through real-life examples,” explained Kait. “Also, she is an inspiration to women everywhere because she continues to exceed her own goals.”

Kait looks forward to deeply expanding her knowledge of the criminal justice system so that she can best serve clients and the United States of America. Throughout her time at Marshall, she has become involved in extracurricular activities to help her grow personally and professionally. She is a member of the Gamma Beta chapter of Alpha Xi Delta, serves as Marshall University’s Panhellenic Council’s president and represents the Student Government Association as a senator, in addition to serving as a student justice on the Conduct Board.

Her favorite season is fall, because the trees that adorn campus turn beautiful colors. Kait says the foliage and squirrels running across campus remind her of something from a movie. Her favorite place on the Huntington campus is the Joan C. Edwards Stadium, because she feels a sense of family and tradition there. She hopes that Marshall’s enrollment and program offerings increase over the next ten years and that a law and dental school are added.

“Alumni should give back because Marshall gave them the best experience of their life, along with an education,” said Kait. “Another reason alumni should give back is because they have been in the shoes of college students and know how stressful it is. Receiving a scholarship may take a little stress off them [students].”



Fun Facts

Class of 2020

Hometown: Tad, West Virginia

Major: Criminal Justice

Favorite color: Black because I can pair it with so many things

Textbooks or eBooks: Textbooks, I learn better whenever I have things in my hands

Favorite thing about Huntington: The community's love and support of Marshall University

Favorite place off campus: Starbucks at Pullman Square