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## SGA Senate Election Guide

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# Candidates for Student Senate – 2017

Voting takes place through MyMU March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, except Honors College voting which will take place in person at the Honors College office in Old Main. For more information, email Sophia Mills at mills190@marshall.edu.<sup>1</sup>

## College of Arts and Media (Choose up to 3)



### 1. Megan Bailey

**Major:** Performance

**Class rank:** Sophomore

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<sup>1</sup> (i)=incumbent senator

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**Hometown:** Culloden, WV

**About me:** I am currently a piano performance major, but I plan on adding a double major in political science so that I can pursue careers in the two areas of life I love most. I love music, history, politics, nature, people, sweet tea, and Marshall University.

**What I would like to accomplish:** I would like to offer more services to students with disabilities on campus

## 2. Bryan Pennington

No picture submitted

**Major:** Visual Art

**Class rank:** Sophomore

**About me:** I am Bryan Pennington, a Sophomore majoring in Visual Art, specifically painting, in the College of Arts and Media.

**What I want to accomplish:** As a senator, I would voice the opinions and concerns of the students in the College of Arts and Media, giving a voice to students within my college who may not be able to bring any issues up themselves.

**College of Business (Choose up to 5)**



## 1. Alexandra Pfost

**Major:** Marketing

**Class rank:** Junior

**Hometown:** Charleston, WV

**About me:** It has been a privilege to represent Marshall's College of Business for three semesters in SGA. I began drinking coffee at the age of 2 years old (decaf, of course). I currently serve as the Marketing Director for Marshall's Campus Activities Board; follow us on Twitter! (@CABMU) #ad.

**What I want to accomplish:** Creating an inclusive environment for College of Business students and the entire Marshall University student body is essential to the well-being of our campus. Therefore, I hope to instill a sense of comfort in my peers when it comes to giving/receiving feedback on campus decision-making.



## 2. Tanner Cunningham (i)

**Class rank:** Senior

**Major:** Economics

**Hometown:** Winfield, WV

**About me:** I enjoy hiking, gaming, and relaxing in the SGA office. I'm a brother of Kappa Sigma Fraternity here on campus as a founding father, and in my free time I'm a tutor for my friends/students on campus.

**What I would like to accomplish:** The thing I want to accomplish in senate next year is getting more lighting, and MUPD buttons around commons and 6th avenue for students. I don't think students should have to fear being close to campus.





### 3. Mya Linden (i)

**Major:** Marketing/Management

**Class rank:** Sophomore

**Hometown:** Huntington, WV

**About me:** I have been a part of Student Government since my first year at Marshall, serving as a Senator. I am currently the Historian for the organization and looking forward to continue my next two years here advocating for the student body!

**What I would like to accomplish:** I would build a better relationship with Greek life and other organizations. Frankly, the negative stereotype couldn't be farther from the truth. I've been a part of Alpha Xi Delta for two years now and feel that it has so much to offer to this campus and community.



#### 4. **Brittany Wilkerson (i)**

**Major:** Finance

**Hometown:** Richmond, VA

**About me:** I'm currently a sophomore student-athlete studying Finance. I have a versatile skill set which includes organizing, decision making, time management, and verbal/written communication skills. Additionally, as a member of Marshall University's Swim and Dive team, I have experience working as a team to reach a common goal.

**What I want to accomplish:** If elected as a College of Business Senator, I would like to achieve goals that make a positive impact on the Marshall community. For example, I would like to improve the safety of individuals, by placing additional lights and emergency police buttons throughout campus.

**College of Engineering (Choose up to 3)**



## 1. Zaynab Salem (i)

**Major:** Mechanical Engineering

**Class rank:** Junior

**About me:** I'm an engineering student and aspiring lawyer. I'm outgoing and involved in many organizations on campus. I love traveling and I've visited many places and have even lived in different countries.

**What I want to accomplish:** I'm running because CITE has zero representation in Senate which means our voices aren't considered when important decisions are made. I want to help CITE have a bigger impact on campus and in the Huntington community. I also hope to bring more diversity to SGA senate.

## College of Education (Choose up to 6)

### 1. Amos Parlock

No survey submitted



## 2. Chase Jarrell (i)

**Major:** Education

**Class rank:** Junior

**Hometown:** Ravenswood, WV

**About me:** I am an active Senator for the College of Education, and am also a student in the Honors College. My biggest interests are history, politics, the art of filmography, and of course, Marshall. I pride myself as a voice for the students who is never afraid to speak the truth.

**What I would like to accomplish:** I would like to further study the state of affairs with Sodexo Dining Services and improve the quality of service for our student population. Having already passed a resolution on the subject, I feel that more work can be done and the students deserve my ongoing support.



### 3. David Crawley (i)

**Major:** Secondary Education with a Concentration in Social Studies

**Hometown:** Huntington, WV

**About me:** I came to America from Liverpool, England in 2004. Ever since I have been striving to live the American dream. I've had the pleasure of being a senator for COEPD for two terms and I am asking for a third so I can continue working for our students.

**What I want to accomplish:** I've worked to protect our international students and I have worked to get a gender neutral bathroom in the student center. I want to continue to protect these students because we are all members of the Herd.

### 4. Tanner Drown (i)

No survey submitted



## 5. Madison Parker (i)

**Major:** Elementary Special Education

**Class rank:** Sophomore

**Hometown:** Huntington, WV

**About me:** My favorite parts of life are teaching children with disabilities, serving others, and being a daughter of John Marshall. I believe that because of those things I have the passion and dedication to represent the College of Education to the best of my abilities.

**What I want to accomplish:** In the upcoming year, I hope that we can continue to bridge the gap between the Office of the Dean and the students in the College of Education. Additionally, I want to educate the upcoming freshman about the requirements of admission to the College of Education.



## Graduate College (Choose up to 2)



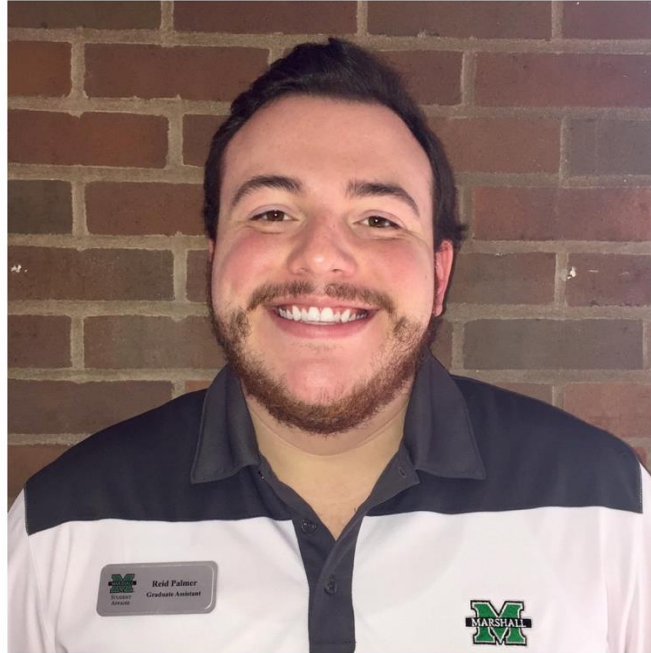
### 1. Jack Moore (i)

**Degree:** MBA (Finance concentration)

**Hometown:** Huntington, WV

**About me:** Strong in mind, body, and spirit. Good at what I do, and I do a bit of everything. Very humble in nature, to a degree that is rarely seen even in the greatest of men.

**What I want to accomplish:** To organize and support programs designed to prepare Marshall students to stand out as they enter the workforce.



## 2. Reid Palmer (i)

**Degree:** MBA-HCA

**About me:** My name is Reid Palmer. I am a Graduate student in the MBA program. I have done everything from Resident Advisor to Senator for the Graduate College. I serve as a Graduate Assistant for Fraternity & Sorority Life. I am an avid supporter of many local organizations in the Huntington community.

**What I want to accomplish:** One thing I would like to accomplish is to continue to work on more engagement in activities on the Huntington campus from graduate students.

## College of Health Professions (Choose up to 7)

### 1. Elise Gooding (i)

No survey submitted





## 2. Julianna Music

**Major:** Communication Disorders

**Class rank:** Junior

**Hometown:** Delbarton, WV

**About me:** Marshall has been important to me since I was a small kid and my parents brought me to Marshall football games. I have always loved the environment and the people. This is why I would love the chance to be able to serve the community by being an SGA senator.

**What I want to accomplish:** I would really like to represent my constituents as accurately as possible and create an inclusive environment in which everyone feels like they have a voice.



### 3. **Geoffrey Bennett (i)**

**Major:** Nursing

**Hometown:** Ashland, KY

**Class Rank:** Sophomore

**About me:** Hello, Marshall University! In addition to SGA, I am also a member of JMELI. Outside of academics, I am an active member of my church and I work at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Kentucky. I enjoy hanging out with friends, attending concerts, and traveling!

**What I want to accomplish:** If I were elected into Senate, I would like to promote drug awareness across our campus. In the King's Daughters Medical Center Emergency Department, I have seen the tragic outcomes of drug use. This has become an epidemic in Huntington and I feel we should contribute to change.



#### 4. Annabelle Treacy (i)

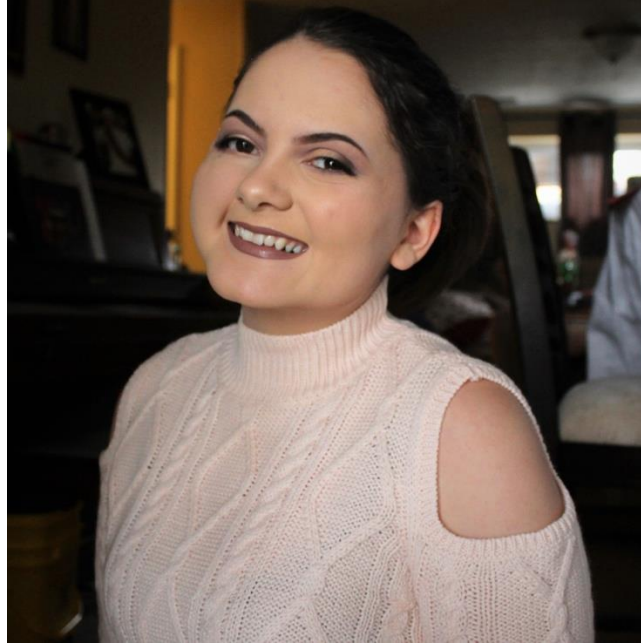
**Major:** Biomechanics

**Class rank:** Freshman

**Hometown:** Huntington, WV

**About me:** I was born and raised in Huntington, and I graduated from St. Joe High School. I love playing soccer and sports in general, watching movies, taking pictures, food, and listening to music.

**What I want to accomplish:** What I would like to accomplish in Senate next year is help Marshall University continue to thrive in all of its endeavors.



## 5. Hannah Crawley

**Major:** Medical Imaging

**Class rank:** Junior

**Hometown:** Huntington, WV

**About me:** I am excited for the opportunity to represent my college as a Senator. As an immigrant, I feel that it's especially important to represent minorities. I am also an advocate for the awareness and research of rare diseases. Importantly, I am a daughter of Marshall.

**What I want to accomplish:** If I am elected into Senate next year, there are many things that I would like to accomplish. Mainly, I would like to expand university events recognizing our students and others who have rare diseases. Many go silent, and giving them a voice will hopefully enhance their experience on campus.



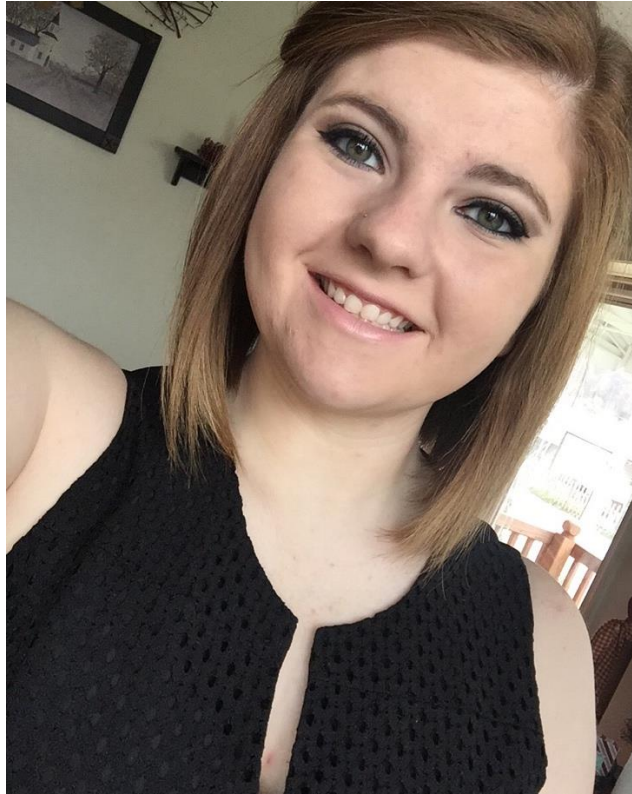
## 6. Sara Walker

**Major:** Pre-Communication Disorders

**Hometown:** Gilbert, WV

**About me:** I'm from the small-town of Gilbert, WV. Currently, I'm pursuing a career in Speech-Language Pathology, and I'm a member of MU Ambassadors and NSSLHA. I am employed through Huntington Federal Savings Bank. I enjoy playing tennis, Zumba, water/snow skiing, ATV riding, kayaking, and jeeping.

**What I want to accomplish:** My goals as a Senate member would be to represent every son and daughter of Marshall, specifically students of The College of Health Professions. Priorities will be to facilitate needs and concerns of my college to our Student Government Association



## 7. Cassidy Johnson (i)

**Major:** Nursing

**Class rank:** Sophomore

**Hometown:** Belle, WV

**About me:** My name is Cassidy Johnson and I am from Belle, West Virginia. I am currently a Nursing major in the College of Health Professions. I am currently a Senator in Student Government.

**What I want to accomplish:** I would like to bring more of the Marshall experience to the South Charleston campus. I would like to make sure they have more access to the things that students have on the Huntington campus and make sure they are getting the best college experience possible.





## 8. Marcus Tucker (i)

**Major:** Pre-Med

**Class rank:** Sophomore

**Hometown:** Eleanor, WV

**About me:** I am currently a freshman reapplying as a sophomore, majoring in Health Professions. I started as an apprentice, am currently serving as a part of Senate and was also elected as co-chair of the Finance committee. I am heavily involved in SGA and hope to make a positive impact.

**What I want to accomplish:** If I am re-elected to Senate I plan to support and aid in the lifting of the stigma given to Marshall, and make my constituents aware and feel that they are equally represented. I also would like to help improve the recruitment by making more students feel at home.

## Honors College (Choose up to 3)\*



### 1. Alex O'Donnell (i)

**Major:** Economics

**Class Rank:** Senior

**Hometown:** Huntington, WV

**About me:** Ever since seeing the SGA booth at Recfest my freshman year, SGA has been part of my Marshall story, where I am currently the President Pro-Tempore. Outside of SGA, I am active in the Huntington community and other student organizations like Alpha Kappa Psi and Young Democrats.

**What I want to accomplish:** Senate needs to exercise its voice more effectively. Therefore, one of my goals for next year is to improve how students communicate with their elected SGA Senators, and vice-versa. This will help Marshall to create a better, more active campus climate moving forward.





## 2. Jeremiah Parlock (i)

**Major:** Political Science

**Class rank:** Sophomore

**Hometown:** Huntington, WV

**About me:** At Marshall, I am an athlete on the Cross Country team and have served in SGA for one semester. I graduated from Cabell Midland High School and I am also an Eagle Scout. My senior year at Cabell Midland I served as Student Body President.

**What I want to accomplish:** My focus is on increasing the community involvement from INTO students to every organization. I hope to encourage networking and connections through new events and increased information awareness.

### 3. Rachel Rohrbach

No picture submitted

**Major:** Accounting

**Class Rank:** Junior

**Hometown:** Huntington, WV

**About me:** I am a junior accounting major with a minor in political science. I hold an executive position in Alpha Xi Delta. I am the treasurer of the Honors College. I am a member of Beta Alpha Psi. I am a part of the Dean's Student Advisory Board.

**What I would like to accomplish:** I would like to restructure it in a manner more similar to our state and national government with positions following more closely with how they fulfill roles. For example, I would like to see the finance committee assist and review the budget for the year.



#### 4. Omar Salem (i)

**Major:** Biology/Pre-Med

**Class rank:** Sophomore

**Hometown:** Huntington, WV

**About me:** I've been interested in politics my whole life and I feel that it is very important to ensure that our school is able to properly serve our students. I am an aspiring doctor, however I still hope to get involved in politics regardless. I am also a part of multiple school organizations and hope that I can continue to serve as an SGA senator.

**What I would like to accomplish:** I hope to better represent the honors college by getting more involved than some of the senators in previous years. Since I am on the campus life and service committee I aim to improve campus life for our students. I also feel that I can help bring more diversity to SGA and better represent some of the minority students in the Honors College.

**\*Students enrolled in the Honors College may vote in both their home college and the Honors College. Honors is the only race for which voting will take place in person, on the second floor of Old Main in the Honors College suite.**

## **INTO (Choose up to 2)**



### **1. Boram Kim**

**Hometown:** Seoul, South Korea

**About me:** I am very enthusiastic to listen another people's opinion and share different ideas. I am passionate about learning new knowledge, and I enjoy meeting and communicating with people. Also, I always accomplish my given task and do my best with responsibility for what I have to do.

**What I want to accomplish:** I would like to stimulate events about different cultures so that students can communicate and learn each other more. I think sharing different cultures and understanding each other are always good to foster values.

## 2. Mohammed Hakami

No survey submitted

### College of Liberal Arts (Choose up to 4)



### 1. Scott Bryant

**Major:** Political Science

**Class rank:** Senior

**Hometown:** South Point, OH

**About me:** I have been passionate about politics since an early age and I truly believe it can be a tool to affect positive change in people's lives. My name is Scott and I am a progressive running to represent the College of Liberal Arts in the Student Government Association.

**What I would like to accomplish:** I have found Marshall to be a warm and welcoming campus and I want to ensure that it continues to be so regardless of your faith, gender, sex, sexual orientation or nationality. Marshall is more than a university it is a home, and people should feel safe in their home.



## 2. Daniel Parlock

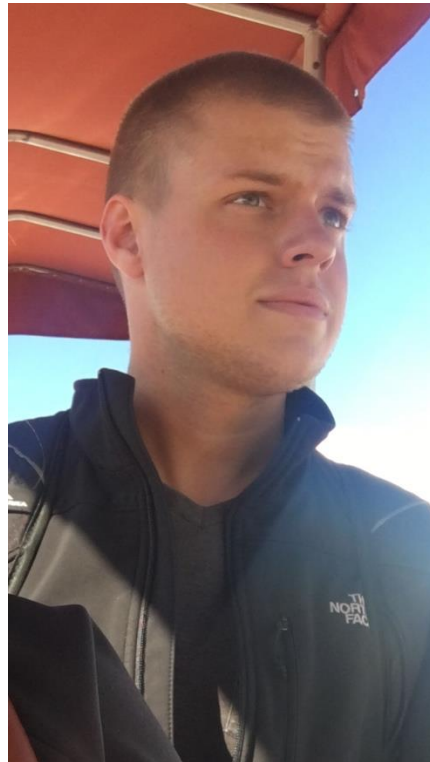
**Major:** History

**Class rank:** Senior

**Hometown:** Huntington, WV

**About me:** I am a proud son of Marshall who served in Afghanistan. I am an RA in Haymaker Hall and was an RA in Holderby Hall. I play Ultimate Frisbee and perform in plays.

**What I want to accomplish:** I would like for the voice of the students to be heard. I would like to work more with the city of Huntington.



### 3. Alex Parlock

**Major:** Economics/Finance

**Class rank:** Senior

**Hometown:** Huntington, WV

About me: I love Marshall University. I am the 6th sibling in my family to come to Marshall, and 4th while in the army. My wife, Sarah, is a Marshall alumni. One of my biggest passions is ultimate frisbee, and my brother and I have restarted the Ultimate Club here on campus.

What I want to accomplish: Over the next year, my brothers and I have 3 goals: improving Student Safety, Campus Life, and Community Involvement. We would like to shift focus towards mobile device options. For student safety, we'd like to implement CampusSafe. We'd also like to have an "Upcoming Events" option for MUAAlerts.



## 4. Whitney Ramey

**Major:** Political Science

**Hometown:** West Hamlin, WV

**About me:** I have served in Marshall's Student Government for the past three years and held leadership positions. I would love to spend my senior year at Marshall representing the students of COLA. This semester I am honored to represent Marshall at the WV Legislature through the Judith A. Herndon Fellowship.

**What I would like to accomplish:** My goal, if elected is to show commuter students that they can get involved with organizations on campus. As a commuter student, I want to represent and vote in their best interest when issues involving commuter students rise in Student Government.



## 5. Rachel Delaney

No survey submitted



## 6. Kaitlyn McClure (i)

**Class Rank:** Freshman

**Major:** Psychology

**Hometown:** Tad, West Virginia

**About Me:** I am a current freshman at Marshall majoring in psychology. This past year at Marshall I was an apprentice within student government and am currently serving as a senator and the treasurer. I love Marshall University and stay active on campus with SGA and my sorority, Alpha Xi Delta.

**What I want to accomplish:** Within the next year at Marshall I hope to see more people attending events. One way I would try and encourage more people to attend is by supporting all organizations on

campus and attending their events and promoting their organizations. We all need to be better supporters of one another!



## 7. Evan Terry (i)

**Major:** Political Science

**Class rank:** Freshman

**Hometown:** Huntington, WV

**About me:** I'm very easy going and definitely a people person. A master of Netflix binge watching and an avid fisherman. A road trip junky and a world traveler. I am the first in my family to go to college, and I am passionate about Marshall.

**What I want to accomplish:** I plan to bring new ideas to Senate...ideas include, but are not limited to, the way(s) we can increase enrollment into the College of Liberal Arts as well as Marshall University.



## 8. Jacob Redman (i)

**Class rank:** Junior

**Major:** Political Science

**Hometown:** Saint Albans, WV

**About Me:** I have spent my life passionately caring for the concerns and problems of those around me. Growing up in a family of little disposable income, I have seen good people struggle. I am a product of struggle and it has instilled the passion of problem solving in me.

**What I would like to accomplish if elected:** If given the honor of serving in the Senate, I want to give a voice to those who have concerns about campus life, but may not have had the outlet to communicate the frustration to the body of the Senate. I want to be their voice.

## School of Medicine (Choose up to 2)



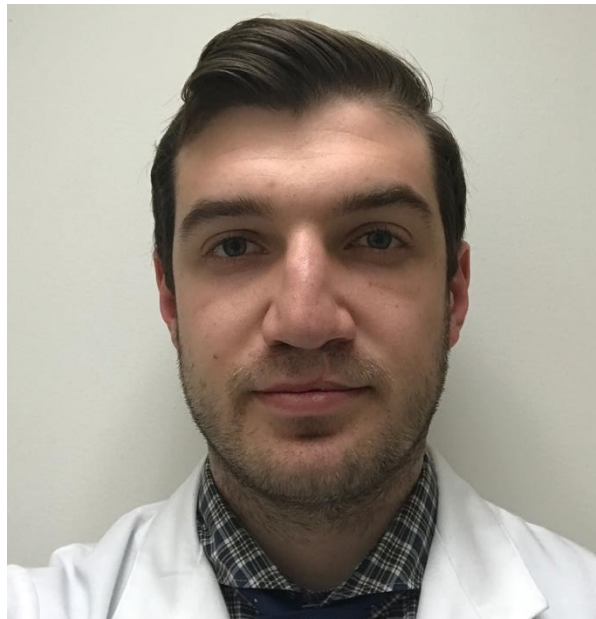
### 1. Debbie Amos (i)

**Degree:** Biomedical Sciences

**Hometown:** Parkersburg, WV

**About me:** My name is Debbie Amos. God has provided the opportunity for me to conduct research as a Biomedical Science Student in the Graduate School at Marshall University. My passion and goal is to be all that I can as a Christian and science professor at an undergraduate institution.

**What I want to accomplish:** This year as a senator, I worked to bridge the undergraduate and graduate schools and represent the biomedical and school of medicine as a whole. I was recently placed on the finance committee this past semester. I hope to continue in these roles and make Marshall a unified family.



## 2. Jeremy Adkins (i)

**Class Rank:** 1

**Degree:** MD

**Hometown:** Huntington, WV

**About Me:** I'm currently an MS3 pursuing a career in neurosurgery. I hail from Huntington, WV.

**What I would like to accomplish:** Represent and voice the needs/concerns of the medical students.

### 3. Travis Parkulo (i)

No picture submitted

**Degree:** Doctor of Medicine

**Hometown:** Beckley, WV

**About me:** 3rd year medical student from Beckley, WV interested in orthopedic surgery.

**What I want to accomplish:** A program to increase accessibility and awareness of the student health department at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

### School of Pharmacy

No candidates declared. If you are interested in representing the school of pharmacy, you may apply for a Senate interview in the Fall.

### Regents

No candidates declared. If you are interested in representing Regents, you may apply for a Senate interview in the Fall.



## College of Science (Choose up to 5)



### 1. Megan Conley

**Major:** Sophomore

**Class rank:** Pre-med Biology

**Hometown:** Chapmanville, WV

**About me:** I am a Christian. I have a heart focused on helping others, regardless of their situation or background. I am very passionate about the field of Medicine, and I look forward to achieving my goal of becoming an Emergency Physician. I am thankful to be a COS student at MU!

**What I want to accomplish:** If elected, I pledge to serve the students of the College of Science to my fullest potential. My objective is to listen to every COS student and make their voices heard. I want to be an influence that helps each one of us succeed and pursue our career goals.



## 2. Lena Salameh (i)

**Major:** Chemistry

**Class Rank:** Junior

**Hometown:** Barboursville, WV

**About me:** How would I describe myself? Well, I see myself as an optimistic and out-going Marshall University. As a daughter of Marshall, I love to be a part of the Huntington community, whether to help others or to help make Huntington a better place.

**What I want to accomplish:** Next year, one thing I would like to accomplish in Senate is to help give the students a voice. There are complaints made by Marshall students on and off campus. I want to be able to represent those students in making Marshall University the best it can be.





### 3. Caleb Arbaugh

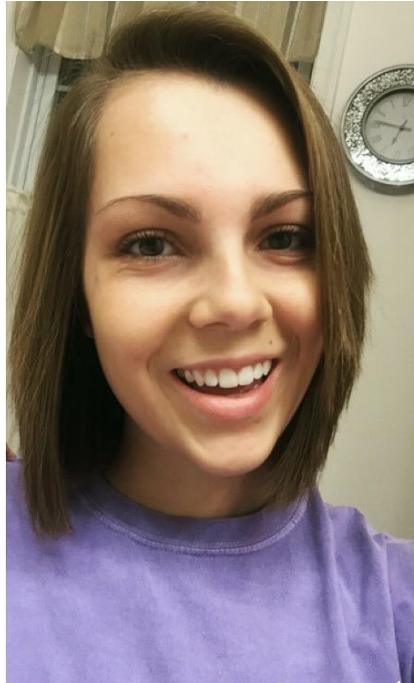
**Major:** Computer and Information Technology

**Class rank:** Junior

**Hometown:** Phillippi, WV

**About me:** I'm a wheelchair-bound, computer software nerd, who gives 110% into whatever I am involved in! I'm the first in my family to seek a higher education. I believe I have a unique perspective to offer here on campus.

**What I want to accomplish:** If I am elected, I'd like to use this opportunity to talk to my fellow colleagues in the COS to make sure they have a voice in student government next Fall. I'd also like to expand accessibility throughout campus for current (and future) disabled students.



## 4. Noelle Soares (i)

**Major:** Criminal Justice

**Class rank:** Freshman

**Hometown:** Martinsburg, WV

**About me:** I am a second semester freshman and a criminal justice major. I fell in love with Marshall from the start of last semester. I am very far away from home, but I have come to realize Marshall is my home away from home.

**What I want to accomplish:** I would like to accomplish helping out the student body as much as I can. Passing resolutions and giving funding benefits each student. I enjoy knowing I can help student whenever they have a problem on campus and help make a difference.



## 5. Jentre Hyde (i)

**Major:** Biology

**Class rank:** Sophomore

**About me:** I decided to attend Marshall for their pre-medical program because I aspire to one day be a psychiatrist. I would love the chance to represent my school as a senator for the college of science.

**What I want to accomplish:** If I am given the honor of being re-elected I would like to fight the stigma that mental disorders are given in today's society. Illnesses like depression and anxiety are very real and more people need to be made aware of it.

## 6. Mason Dial (i)

No picture submitted

**Major:** Chemistry

**Class rank:** Junior

**About me:** I am from Barboursville. I've grown up here, work here in the biotechnology building, and love serving the community. I enjoy giving back to the community as a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, and would like to have the chance to give back as a senator as well.

**What I want to accomplish:** I would like to see the community come together as a whole for bigger service projects. I would like to accomplish bringing new activities and service projects to campus, in hopes that the Marshall community can show their care for Huntington, the country, and the world through these events.



## 7. Madison Davis (i)

**Major:** Biology

**Class rank:** Junior

**Hometown:** Ashland, KY

**About me:** I've been involved in SGA for the past year and have been serving as the Parliamentarian. I love doing anything I can to become more connected to this lovely campus and community. Outside of studying, I am probably listening to Broadway musicals or spending time with my friends.

**What I want to accomplish:** As a Senator, I think it is important to make all of the opportunities on campus known to students. I want to bridge the gap between students and the community because

Marshall is a vital part of Huntington. I would love to see more community involvement from everyone on campus.



## 8. Michaela Christman (i)

**Major:** Biology (Pre-Med)

**Class rank:** Sophomore

**Hometown:** Winfield, WV

**About me:** I am a sophomore, Biology Pre Med student at Marshall. I hope to attend law school some day for malpractice law. I am also in many campus organizations like my sorority, Tri Sigma, where I am the Recruitment Director. I am extremely well organized and driven to work hard.



**What I want to accomplish:** I would really like to focus on campus involvement and campus organization unity. I think all students should have a voice in what happens on their campus and I would love to be that voice for them.

## University College (Choose up to 3)



### 1. Austin Sanders (i)

**Major:** Undeclared

**Class rank:** Freshman

**Hometown:** Huntington, WV

**About me:** I am deeply involved in humanitarian efforts on campus, with a long-standing passion for social justice. Serving others and harnessing a more diverse, all-inclusive community is my life's mission. When I'm not in class, I enjoy spending time with my adopted Siberian Husky, Sugar.

**What I want to accomplish:** My platform includes a "Students First Initiative" that would improve communications between Senators and their constituents, provide more transparency, create an

improved understanding of the Student Government process to the typical Marshall student, and ensure that Senators are collecting problems and issues that are relevant to students.