

A Passion for Education

“My favorite part about Marshall University is the campus, itself,” said Sam Godby.

A graduate student pursuing his Master of Arts in Teaching, Sam chose to attend Marshall University for his undergraduate studies in history.

“I was hesitant to move too far away,” the Saint Albans, West Virginia native said. “Marshall gave me the chance to be on my own for the first time, but still close to home. Now that I am here, I rarely leave Huntington.”

Sam is enjoying discovering how he can apply the concepts he has learned once he begins teaching.

“We don’t just learn why something is important, we learn what the idea of it means; how the person came up with that idea, how to use it in the classroom and what other theories or methods originated from it,” Sam said. “This style of learning gives us a variety of techniques to choose from. Understanding the concept rather than learning a preset mold allows us to be more adaptable and innovative.”

Sam is excited and nervous for his clinical placement, where he will gain experience about the day to day aspect of teaching. He is also looking forward to taking classes about technology and learning how to integrate it into the classroom. He explains that several professors have an impact on him.

“What my favorite professors have had in common is passion. They bring a bit of energy to their class,” said Sam. “They love their subject, seem excited to teach and always have plenty of interesting stories to tell.”

Sam has worked in several different positions at Marshall Housing and Residence Life every year he has been at Marshall, except his freshman year. He currently works as an assistant area coordinator.

“Holderby Hall holds the most memories for me. It’s where I spent the majority of my undergrad and received my first job as a resident advisor,” he said. “College is a great experience. Alumni who give back, once established, can help others have a similar, life changing experience.”



Fun Facts:

Class of 2018

Major:

Master of Arts, Teaching

Hometown:

Saint Albans, West Virginia

Textbooks or eBooks:

Textbooks; Paper books give a feeling of progress and seem easier on the eyes.

Favorite Color:

Green, of course

Favorite place on campus:

Holderby Hall

Campus Jobs Held:

I’ve worked as resident advisor, student security night assistant, student security night supervisor and an assistant residence director. I am currently an assistant area coordinator.