

## A Second-Home Feeling

“Being here gave me that second-home feeling,” said Seth Pettry. “I came for a tour in high school and every time I was here, it sort of gave me that feeling of ‘this is where I want to be.’”

That second-home feeling Seth has for Marshall is something he shares with his aunt.

“Marshall is her favorite thing. She swears by it and would be here every day, if she could,” he said.

Seth, an exercise science major, anticipates graduating this spring. He aspires to continue his education to become a physician’s assistant or physical therapist. Since he has never been a “desk person,” he would like to work with people.

“That is what drove me towards physical therapy, working with patients and having a direct impact on someone’s life; helping them be happier and more mobile,” Seth said.

Coming from Seth, West Virginia, but named after a grandfather from a generations back, Seth looks forward to learning everything he can in his field of study. He says his favorite part of his program is the class diversity.

“No two classes are exactly the same, but everything ends up tying back together in some way, and I really like that aspect of it,” said Seth.

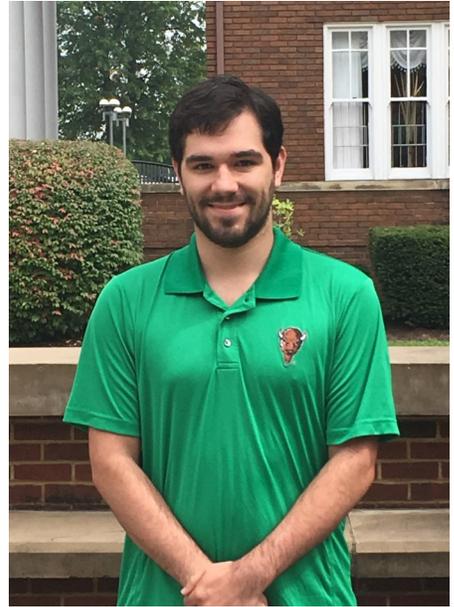
He credits Drs. Kumika Toma and Terry Shepherd as his favorite professors because of their expertise.

“They can take such a complex field and tone it down to where students like me, who have never seen these things before, can understand how to apply [them] and better themselves in the medical field,” he explained.

As a recipient of the BrickStreet Scholarship, PROMISE Scholarship and a Charleston Area Medical Center Scholarship, Seth is grateful for the relief they provide.

“They essentially mean to me that I can further my career here. I can move on with less stress and I do not have to worry about if I will be able to pay off a loan, if I could afford to come back or if I will have to take out loans or grants, just to do what I want with my life,” he said.

“Alumni should give back in the sense, not that they have to, but in the sense that they take pride in where they came from,” explained Seth. “They went to a place that resonates with them and they would like to see people have the same success, enjoyment and attachment--all of the things they have.”



### Fun Facts:

**Class of** 2018

**Major:**  
Exercise Science

**Hometown:**  
Seth, West Virginia

**Textbooks or eBooks:**  
eBooks; they have that new generation feel to where you can find what you need immediately.

**Favorite Color:**  
Red

**Favorite place on campus:**  
The Memorial Fountain and Student Center Plaza

**Favorite thing about Huntington:**  
The community; everyone loves working together and Marshall always seems to be at the forefront of that, which is something I respect and admire.