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OF APPRECIATION

Accelerated Opportunities through Scholarships

"I love the family atmosphere, hometown feel, and knowing my professors and administrators recognize and support me on campus," said Deena Dahshan.

The Oklahoma native moved to Charleston, West Virginia, during high school and was accepted into Marshall University's Accelerated B.S./M.D. program. It's a program that allows students to complete the requirements for both the Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine program in an accelerated seven-year program.

"It (Marshall) offered too good of an opportunity for me to pass up," Deena stated.

As part of the program, students must declare a biology major. Deena is minored in psychology and chemistry. She will begin her medical school journey at Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine this coming fall.

"I am looking forward to learning how to balance my time with courses, student organizations, family, community and self," she explains. She appreciates that biology allows her to explore different fields, not just those in the Science Building; however, her science professors have made her courses even better.

"I have had many amazing professors that made me look forward to class. Dr. Nadja Spitzer in the biology department with her enthusiasm and dedication to her field and to students. She really had me love learning about animal physiology with her excitement and knowledge of the subject. Dr. Keelon Hinton in the psychology department is also a professor that has impacted my life. His classes have opened up a lot of discussions and I have found myself growing and reflecting a lot from his classes," Deena said.

As a scholarship recipient, Deena is thankful for the opportunity to continue her education.

"Scholarships have removed the financial burdens of continuing my education and mean leaving the university without a massive debt. Although a scholarship is an opportunity I could never pay back, it is the biggest contribution a student can receive," she said.

Deena believes alumni should give back because of their unique experiences at Marshall, which enabled them to become who they are.

"Through recognizing this, they give back what was once given to allow others to continue their journeys," she explained.

"I hope Marshall recognizes how much impact it can have on Huntington. I hope to see campus expand and rebuild the surrounding area."



Fun Facts:

Class of 2018

Major:

Biology with minors in psychology and chemistry

Hometown:

Charleston, West Virginia

Textbooks or eBooks:

e-Books. My laptop is light and is with me everywhere

Favorite Color:

Fall foliage

Favorite place on campus:

Sitting outside of the student center, where I've met new people, enjoyed the weather and gotten last minute work done for classes

Extracurricular Activities:

Thundering Word Speech and Debate, Muslim Students Association, Society of Black Scholars, Student Government Association and Fighting Addiction Club