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Scholarships Ease the Financial Burden

“It means a lot to me that someone would give their own funds in order to make the financial burden of college easier for me to bear,” said Kaitlyn Lamotta, “and help me in succeeding to make my goals come true. I could not be more thankful.”

The recipient of privately funded scholarships, Kaitlyn said they ease her worry about taking student loans.

“It makes getting a degree obtainable,” she explained.

The Charleston, West Virginia, native chose to attend Marshall not only because of the proximity to her home, but also because her parents are both alumni.

“Marshall was a place that I felt really comfortable and happy. It offered me the ability to pursue anything I wanted to,” she said.

Now, Kaitlyn enjoys the relaxed, homey atmosphere and the connection of knowing many of the people she passes daily.

“I love the small campus feel that it has, but it isn’t so small that there are no opportunities for me to reach out and grow as a student,” she explained.

Majoring in history, international affairs and French, Kaitlyn will graduate in 2020. She hopes to travel the summer following graduation and then return to West Virginia to begin a career.

“There is a lot of freedom and mobility in my majors that allow me to learn a bit of everything I need to know while still giving me the opportunity to focus on the topics that really interest me,” she explains.

Kaitlyn is looking forward to learning about different eras of history to see how those events have affected today’s world, because she loves connecting the past and present and seeing the world through a different set of eyes.

Her hope for Marshall is that it will grow in student population and program offerings.

“Alumni should give back because in doing so, they create a more educated and more well-rounded society,” Kaitlyn said. “The more people who are able to pursue things they are interested in and enjoy are more likely to go out and create a better, bigger and newer world while being happy about doing that. In order to create an environment for students to achieve this, it takes funding, which people, like alumni, who have already gotten there, can provide.”



Fun Facts:

Class of 2020

Major:

History, International Affairs and French

Hometown:

Charleston, West Virginia

Textbooks or eBooks:

Textbooks

Favorite Color:

Royal Blue

Favorite thing about Huntington:

My favorite thing about Huntington is the community. Everyone is very willing to help and support each other through anything.