

Scholarships Help Students Reach their Dreams

“Scholarships mean a lot to me because I honestly don’t know if I would be able to attend college without the scholarships I have. These scholarships have prevented me from going into a crazy amount of debt and I am so thankful for that. College is so expensive and it is such a privilege to be here, to be at Marshall University. I truly believe that it wouldn’t be possible without these scholarships,” said Hannah Fetty, a soon to be Marshall alumna.

Obtaining her Bachelor of Arts in psychology in December, she is trying to figure out what is next. One option is to pursue a two-year integrated marketing communications program at West Virginia University.

“For the past two years, the Lord has drawn my heart and passions to campus ministry. I’ve been involved in Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship since my freshman year and have had the opportunity to take on several leadership roles within this ministry,” she explained. “College is such a crucial time in a person’s life to figure out who they are and who they want to be. That is why I am so passionate about college ministry.”

Hannah wants to help others navigate through the many challenges college can bring, as well as help students navigate their faith while in college. “I want to use the skills and knowledge that I’ve gained through studying psychology and will gain through studying integrated marketing communications, as well as my own personal experiences, to pursue this desire of doing campus ministry and loving on students well.”

The Bridgeport, West Virginia, native is excited to continue learning throughout the rest of her life. Originally wanting to play basketball in college, but not on a Division I level, Hannah looked at many schools before visiting Marshall, a school her brother always loved and decorated his room in throughout high school and college.

“Even though he did not attend here and instead went to a college closer to home, I always looked up to my brother and I think his love of Marshall rubbed off on me. None of the other schools I visited felt right, until I set foot on Marshall’s campus,” said Hannah. “I had a great peace when I went on my tour here and I knew this was where the Lord was leading me.”



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Hannah enjoys fall and the splendor of the trees on Marshall's Huntington campus. Her favorite place on campus is the Memorial Student Center Plaza, particularly the second-level balcony that overlooks the Memorial Fountain. Her favorite part of the psychology program has been expanding her knowledge of how we learn and how the brain processes information and she enjoys applying concepts daily to everyone she meets.

During her time at Marshall, Hannah has enjoyed meeting new people and becoming involved in the Marshall and Huntington communities. Involved on campus, she has been a member of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship since her freshman year and has served as the president and social media coordinator of the organization for the past two-and-a-half years. Hannah has been a life group leader for three years, leading a weekly Bible study. She has worked as a resident assistant (RA) for five semesters and has been positioned in Towers West and First Year North. She is also a member of the Student Government Association (SGA), where she serves as the secretary of health and wellness. Hannah is a member of the Honors College; Psi Chi, an honors co-ed fraternity for psychology; the National Residence Hall Honorary and was a member of Marshall's Homecoming Court last year.

As a recipient of the Honors College Scholarship, John Marshall Scholarship and the PROMISE Scholarship, Hannah is thankful for scholarships that have allowed her to get involved on campus, alleviating the financial burden associated with obtaining a degree.

"These scholarships that they've donated to are helping this girl reach her dreams," she said.

"Alumni should continue to donate because their donations help students accomplish their dreams," she said. "The scholarships open doors of opportunities to people who might not otherwise be able to afford them. Scholarships can pave the highway to success for individuals and make it a smoother journey to one's destination. Alumni know how amazing Marshall is and what a great opportunity it is to attend this university and I think they should give back to make this opportunity a reality for current and future students."

Fun Facts

Class of 2018

Major: Psychology

Hometown: Bridgeport, West Virginia

Textbooks or eBooks: Textbooks. I love having tangible books that I can flip through the pages and take notes in.

Favorite color: Black for its simplicity, classiness, and ability to match everything; however, I also enjoy blue, particularly navy blue and mustard yellow because it's such a happy color. But on game days, it's always Kelly green!

Favorite thing about

Huntington: Honestly, just the community aspect. It feels like everyone could be your neighbor because that's just how friendly people are here. I love how it's grown to feel like home and the people here have truly become family to me.

Favorite spot off campus: I love Ritter Park. It is absolutely beautiful, especially in the fall. I go there to run quite frequently. I also love the way they light up the fountain at nighttime.