



## The Marshall Family is the Perfect Fit

"My mother graduated from Marshall University in 1994 and growing up, we always visited campus at least one time each summer. I feel like I have watched this campus change and grow while I was doing so myself, and I have always felt a connection," said Buffy Six, a native of Sutton, West Virginia.

Throughout high school, Buffy participated in journalism competitions at Marshall and West Virginia University. Due to this, she was afforded the opportunity to interact with professors from the journalism schools at both universities. The connection she always felt to Marshall ultimately won.

"I decided the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications would offer me the best experience. I wanted to fit into a family, but stand out as a future journalist and Marshall has allowed me to do both," she explained.

Majoring in online journalism, Buffy will graduate in the spring of 2019. She is currently looking at graduate schools and weighing the advantages of pursuing job opportunities at Marshall.

"My favorite part of the program, so far, has been the opportunities offered to me," she said. "I feel as if I have gotten real-world experiences through writing and reporting, which has allowed me to land incredible internships."

Buffy anticipates learning hands-on lessons in continued preparation to enter the workforce. She has recently become involved with the Student Government Association, where she serves as the press secretary, and has been a social media ambassador for the university since the spring of 2017. Because of scholarships, Buffy has been able to get involved on campus and center her attention on her studies.

"Scholarships, for me, mean not having to stress about student loan debt while I'm focusing on classes. It makes me sad hearing other students talk about wanting to go to a smaller school or drop out completely because of the cost, so I am very thankful that cost is a stressor I do not have to worry about," she explained.

A recipient of the Jean O. Morris Native West Virginian, PROMISE and Marshall University Presidential scholarships, as well as the West Virginia Higher Education Grant and Federal Pell Grant, Buffy also received the Roy and Barbara Huffman Scholarship for incoming freshmen, which is a privately funded, one-year award for a Braxton County student.

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"To my donors, I want to say that I am forever grateful to your family for graciously presenting me with this scholarship. When I applied, I was nervous about how I was going to pay the last little bit of my tuition and books, but receiving my acceptance e-mail relieved me of those worries. I think sometimes students forget how even the smallest scholarship can go a long way, but I am grateful that I was given this assistance. Thank you very much for your generous scholarship to my education."

Buffy considers history a hobby and for that reason, her favorite place on the Huntington campus is the Memorial Fountain. She says it reminds her how lucky she is to be part of the Marshall family.

"No other college or university is a family like Marshall. Being a Son or Daughter of Marshall means being a part of the future for Huntington, for West Virginia and for the entire country," she said. "Graduates like Brad Smith have been an innovative key to our fast-paced world, and he learned some of those skills at Marshall. I love seeing past athletes still refer to Huntington and Marshall as 'home.' I don't think another school could offer that love and warmth."

Like many of her Marshall family members, Buffy finds the vibrant fall colors on campus inviting. She enjoys walking down the center of campus to see the warm shades of orange, red and yellow. Her hope for Marshall's future is that it becomes more diverse, that the Joan C. Edwards Stadium will be completely full every game and that when she visits campus, she will see that students love Marshall as she does. She knows that it is through the support of gracious alumni that the university will continue to expand.

"We, the current student body, are part of the Marshall family, and any donation an alum can give is only going to better the education and life of every Marshall student."

### Fun Facts

Class of 2019

Major: Online Journalism

Hometown: Sutton, West Virginia

**Textbooks or eBooks:** I do prefer to have something physical and tangible in my hands when I am doing work, but I am slowly coming around to the uses an e-textbook can offer.

**Favorite color:** Green, but blue is a close second.

**Favorite thing about Huntington:** My favorite thing about Huntington is the life of the city. I come from a very, very small town and there are not many opportunities or things to do. In Huntington, there is always something to do from food, the arts, events at Ritter Park, or even just sight-seeing. The architecture of today combined with the history of the town makes a walk downtown an experience to be had over and over again.