

## A Sense of Hope

“I want to learn skills that I can readily apply in the real world,” said Edirin Keyamo Onoge. “I am looking forward to making the most out of this opportunity.”

Moving to Huntington, West Virginia, from Nigeria to obtain his Master of Business Administration degree, Edirin says he loves Marshall’s friendly community that celebrates diversity and that Huntington is small, which allows for a sense of familiarity.

“It (Marshall) is a great university and has a tremendous impact on West Virginia. I have met a lot of great people here,” he said. “It is diverse, safe and it feels like one of the few places around Huntington where there is a sense of hope for the future. I love that positivity.”

Edirin anticipates finding a good job aligned with his skill set after graduation. He enjoyed his marketing and management class and the ways it expanded his knowledge of business, but has found that Advanced Marketing Management, while enjoyable, has been more challenging than expected. Edirin named Dr. Ben Eng as his favorite professor because of his passion for business and outlook on the subject. He believes alumni should give back because it is the right thing to do.

“It gives the younger generation a fighting chance to have the kind of opportunities they had in terms of education and empowerment,” he explained.

As for where he sees the institution in ten years, Edirin said, “I feel like Marshall University is a key component in pushing the City of Huntington forward. There are so many bright minds and great ideas flowing through this institution. I see Marshall University as an incubation lab where ideas are created and implemented in the city, nation and world,”



### Fun Facts

**Class of 2020**

**Major:** Master of Business Administration

**Hometown:** Nigeria

**Textbooks or eBooks:** Textbooks

**Favorite color:** Yellow

**Favorite place off campus:** Pullman Square

**Favorite thing about Huntington:** It is small; everyone knows everyone.