

## Accomplishing Dreams through the Support of Scholarships

“Marshall University offered me the best options for my long-term goal--pharmacy school. Other institutions held good undergraduate promises, but Marshall gave me the best opportunities for graduate school,” explained Caroline Putnam.

Studying biological sciences with a minor in chemistry, Caroline is a second-year student with the credit hours of a junior--a result of the accelerated program within the School of Pharmacy. This program allows students with three years of study in their bachelor’s degree to begin taking courses for their four years of pharmacy school and graduate with bachelor’s and Pharm.D. degrees.

“After my first year of pharmacy school, I will walk for my Bachelor of Science degree. I will graduate pharmacy school in 2023,” explained Caroline.

Growing up in Looneyville, in Roane County, West Virginia, Caroline moved with her family to Manassas, Virginia, a city 30 miles south of Washington, D.C., after her freshman year of high school.

“I love the small community atmosphere and how welcoming everyone is (at Marshall),” she said. “Often with a big school, students can feel lost or unnoticed, but never have I once felt that here at Marshall.”

Caroline says her favorite part of her undergraduate and accelerated program is the encouragement everyone has provided.

“During the School of Pharmacy’s preview days, the staff and advisors are eager and willing to answer any questions about the application process or class requirements,” she said.



### Fun Facts

#### Class of 2023

**Major:** Biological Sciences with a minor in chemistry. Caroline is a member of Marshall University School of Pharmacy's Accelerated Program

**Hometown:** Looneyville, WV and Manassas, VA

**Favorite color:** Blue

**Textbooks or eBooks:** I prefer actual textbooks. I am a very visual person and it benefits me more if I can have the content in my hands to highlight and write in rather than seeing it on a computer screen.

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Anticipating biochemistry study, Caroline explained that it teaches the basics of pharmacology--how drugs enter the system and the process that then occurs. She believes a solid understanding will provide a firm foundation for pharmacy school. Upon graduation, she hopes to work as a clinical pharmacist or pharmaceutical researcher.

Caroline is active on campus as a member of the John Marshall Emerging Leaders Institute (JMELI), Marshall University's Pre-Pharmacy Club and the Marshall chapter of Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM). She says her favorite season is fall and she enjoys the amazing vibrancy of the leaves and trees and the briskness of the wind. She also enjoys the energy that surrounds football games. The walkway between Smith Hall and Old Main is her favorite because of the seclusion from the rest of the campus and peaceful environment. "During fall, the prettiest trees can be found here with oranges and reds, making the benches underneath a small place of tranquility," she said.

A recipient of the John Marshall Alumni Legacy Scholarship and Dr. Daniel P. Babb Trust, Caroline knows she would not be attending Marshall without them.

"As an out-of-state applicant, the tuition would have been too high. Scholarships, both donor- or university-sponsored, have allowed me to make Marshall University the platform of my educational career," said Caroline. "Thank you for your generous contribution. Without people like you, students like me would be unable to accomplish their dreams. I am incredibly grateful for your help in my academic career."

"When alumni give back to their alma mater, it is a way of saying thank you to the institution that supplied you with an educational foundation for one's future, as well as encourage those currently enrolled in the university to achieve the same educational foundation."

*Pictured: Caroline at the fitting for her White Coat Ceremony that will take place this August.*