

Scholarships Expand Horizons

“Here at Marshall, everybody is welcoming to everybody. It is a relatively diverse campus with people here from across the globe, but there are a lot of in-state students, as well. No matter where somebody is from, you can always make a friend and hear a good story,” said Kate Narkin, an Allentown, Pennsylvania, native.

Choosing to attend Marshall because of the outstanding forensic science program, Kate was confident she would receive a good education at Marshall. She will graduate with her Bachelor of Science in forensic chemistry in May 2021 and hopes to then pursue a higher degree in chemistry.

“My favorite part of my program so far is the diversity of classes I get to take for my major; it allows me to become a more well-rounded person,” she explained. “The classes vary from STEM classes, such as chemistry and programming, to law-related courses.”

Kate is looking forward to learning about physical chemistry, which links math and chemistry (two of her most enjoyed subjects) with physics. She likes any professor who is excited about what they teach and can interest any student in the course. Specifically naming Dr. Kenneth O’Connor, Kate says he has an obvious love for organic chemistry, which keeps his class interesting.

Serving as the president of the Marshall University chapter of the Lions Club, Kate is also a senator for the Student Government Association and a member of the Marshall University Dance Theatre. She is also the recipient of multiple scholarships.

“Scholarships allow me to continue my education with less of a fear of what is going to happen after college when it comes to paying back my loans,” she explained. “I would like to say thank you to all of my scholarship donors for allowing me to pursue my degree and expand my horizons. It means a lot to me that my donors believe that I deserve their scholarships.”

Her hope is that Marshall continues to grow academically, in student enrollment and in its partnership with the City of Huntington to make the town safer. She also hopes facilities continue to get updated.

“Alumni should give back so that future generations and the community that they went to school in and/or live in can benefit. When most people think of giving back, their minds usually go straight to money, but this is not always the case,” said Kate. “Giving back with your time can also go a long way for a university; it shows community engagement while also benefitting the school.”



Fun Facts

Class of 2021

Hometown: Allentown, Pennsylvania

Major: Forensic Science

Favorite color: Maroon

Favorite season: Fall

Textbooks or eBooks: e-Books. They tend to be lower in price and you can easily search for keywords, if you are trying to find a specific place in a book.

Favorite place off campus: Ritter Park

Favorite thing about Huntington: The diversity of the places you can visit. You can take a hike or walk, go to an art museum or head down to Pullman for an afternoon and get any kind of food.