



### Fun Facts

**Class of 2021**

**Hometown:** Lavalette, West Virginia

**Major:** Sports Management and Marketing

**Favorite color:** Green, of course

**Favorite season:** Fall; soccer season is in full swing, and when we are not traveling, I enjoy attending football games and tailgating.

**Textbooks or eBooks:** I like textbooks.

**Favorite thing about Huntington:** I love walking my dog at the park, getting Austin's ice cream, grabbing a Stewart's hot dog and sitting by the river.

**Favorite place off campus:** Beech Fork Lake. I love to hike, kayak and run at the lake.

## Scholarships Help Students Reach Goals

“Simply, thank you. It is hard to put the gratitude into words. So many students are leaving college with huge amounts of debt and it makes it difficult for them to start their life. Scholarships help all students, not just me, leave college and start contributing to society,” said Canaan Booton, a recipient of a West Virginia PROMISE Scholarship and Marshall University’s Presidential Scholarship.

Majoring in sports marketing and management, Canaan is expected to graduate in 2021. She plans to continue her education, hopefully at Marshall, to obtain her master’s degree.

A native of Lavalette, West Virginia, she chose to attend Marshall because of the community, remaining close to friends and its proximity to home. “What I really love most about Marshall is you feel like you are a part of a family. You really have a sense of community and family here,” explained Canaan.

Her favorite season is fall because she is a member of the women’s soccer team and that is when the games occur. She enjoys attending football games and catching up with friends at tailgates, but she also has a special place in her heart for fall because of the Memorial Fountain Ceremony.

“The Memorial Fountain Ceremony is very special to the community and everyone at the university. My parents have taken me for years and it holds a very special place in my heart,” Canaan explained.

In her free time, Canaan enjoys participating in community service activities, visiting with her family and playing intramural sports at the Rec Center. She believes alumni should give back to help the next generation experience the same opportunities that they received and already feels called to do so when she is financially able. Her hope for the university is that it grows programmatically, particularly in science and engineering, but also that Marshall maintains the standards they are most proud of today.

“I hope that Marshall never loses that sense of community, the unique way it can make anyone feel at home. I hope that it always makes people feel like they are part of a family. I hope that, in ten years, I will be giving back to Marshall and I can help in some small way...for providing me with such an amazing college experience.”