

“I chose to attend Marshall University because I grew up hearing all these stories from my parents about their time at Marshall. Their stories about their journeys inspired me to forge my own path at the same university where they made so many great memories,” said Ralph E. May IV, a native of Barboursville, West Virginia.

Majoring in public relations and minoring in graphic design, Ralph plans to graduate in 2021 and pursue a graduate program that consolidates his interests of public relations and graphic design.

“I have looked into programs such as informational design and media design.... I hope to work for a fashion or art magazine designing and composing their layouts,” he explained.

Enjoying the relationships he has created with peers and professors, Ralph believes his knowledge grows each semester through both critique and praise. He says he understands more about mass communications than he ever thought possible. Ralph looks forward to gaining an in-depth knowledge of public relations and its functions and discovering his place in the industry.

“I love the people, both professors and staff, alike. Almost everyone I have met has genuinely cared about my success in the future,” he said. “Marshall’s campus is big enough to feel large, but small enough to be homey. So, I guess what makes it special is that it’s a big home for all of us.”

Ralph’s favorite place on the Huntington campus is the Herd Haven in the Student Government Association Office because the furniture is comfortable enough to complete homework and take a nap. His favorite season is fall because he loves pumpkin food. His hope for Marshall is that each college’s programs have spaces as functional as those within the Visual Arts Center.

He is the recipient of scholarships that are a huge help to his educational journey.

“Alumni should give back because their donations help to alleviate the burden of student debt and allow me and my peers to delve into our education.”

“Scholarships mean my access to education. Scholarships are what allow me to continue my education,” explained Ralph. “Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to better myself through education.”



## Fun Facts

**Name:** Ralph E. May IV

**Class of 2021**

**Hometown:** Barboursville, West Virginia

**Major:** Public Relations with a minor in graphic design

**Favorite color:** Navy Blue

**Textbooks or eBooks:** I prefer eBooks for their convenience and cheaper price.

**Favorite thing about Huntington:** The wide variety of local options. The Market in Pullman is one of my new favorite places.

**Favorite spot off campus:** Cicada Books in West Huntington. I love sitting in one of their nooks, working on homework and drinking tea. If anyone is looking for a recommendation, try the London Fog.