

“To me, my scholarships mean I have the opportunity to better myself academically as well as the community around me without going thousands of dollars in debt. I would like to say thank you to my donors for their generosity and helping me achieve my goals. They motivate me to do better because they are people who believe in me and are invested in my success,” explains Baylee Spears, a recipient of the Masonic Scholarship and the James and Ruth Fletcher Scholarship.

A native of Kenova, West Virginia, Baylee is majoring in accounting and will graduate this fall. She intends to continue her education at Marshall to obtain her master’s degree in accounting while working at a public accounting firm and studying for the Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.) exam. She is most excited to be studying auditing this fall.

Choosing to attend Marshall because of its proximity to her home, A.A.C.S.B. accreditation and homey feeling, Baylee loves the support of her professors and the opportunities the university promotes through Career Education. Her favorite place on the Huntington campus is the Rec Center because it helps keep her stress levels down. She believes campus is most beautiful in the fall and enjoys attending football games.

Baylee’s hope for Marshall is continued growth and believes alumni should support students so they can one day pay it forward to those in their community.

“I hope to see the campus continue to grow and train many more professionals. I hope to see the campus continue to integrate local businesses and the community to strengthen Huntington, the Tri-State and the state of West Virginia.”



Fun Facts

Name: Baylee Spears

Class of 2019

Hometown: Kenova, West Virginia

Major: Accounting

Favorite color: Blue

Textbooks or eBooks: I prefer textbooks because I can learn better by being able to highlight and write in the books as well as find the information I am looking for easier.

Favorite thing about Huntington: The city feel without the traffic and noise, while still being in a tight-knit community.

Favorite spot off campus: Ritter Park. There is so much to do there, like play tennis or go to the dog park.