

"I would like to say thank you, even though that is an understatement. I am so thankful for the scholarship that I have because it allows part of my schooling to be covered," said Shyanna Hatten.

A native of Henderson, North Carolina, she calls Huntington, West Virginia, home and chose to attend Marshall for the convenience it provides from cost-efficient tuition and proximity. Majoring in safety technology, Shyanna will graduate in 2020 and intends to pursue a career in safety that challenges her personally and professionally.

"My favorite part of my program has been having the support of the Physical Plant to help guide my career. The people at the plant, even the safety professionals, have helped me so much with my classes," she explained.

Shyanna looks forward to learning about managing individuals and their behaviors. She loves the ease with which everyone seems to know one another on campus and the friendships she has formed in her program. Her favorite professor is also her academic advisor, Dr. Jian Liu.

"I have had Dr. Liu for many safety classes, so he knows me as a student. He is understanding and wants his students to learn," Shyanna said.

In addition to studying for her class, she is involved in the United Methodist Students (UMS) organization and the newly formed UMS Thundering Herd Recovery Team. The team is a group of students who go on mission trips and help with disaster recovery from hurricanes, and assists the university and community with events.



## Fun Facts

**Name:** Shyanna Hatten

**Class of 2020**

**Hometown:** Henderson, North Carolina

**Major:** Safety Technology

**Favorite color:** Forrest Green

**Textbooks or eBooks:** Definitely textbooks

**Favorite thing about Huntington:** The local music scene and all the great things that Huntington is trying to do to get others involved creatively, like music, comedy, art, love and togetherness.

**Favorite spot off campus:** My apartment or the park. My apartment is new to me and it's my little, humble abode.

“My favorite thing about Marshall is the resources they have given me, like my Student Support Services (SSS) family. If not for SSS, I am not sure where I would be. They have provided me with emotional, physical and financial support. Sometimes they feed us, and those are the best days, because this means there will be leftovers for a couple of days,” Shyanna explained.

SSS is a federally funded TRiO grant program. Student Support Services was established to assist students in overcoming class, social, academic and cultural barriers to education.

She cites the SSS Office and Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex as her favorite places on campus.

“The SSS office feels like a safe, cozy space to hang out, do homework, relax, laugh, play games or even nap between classes,” she said.

Her hope for Marshall include continued growth in engineering programs and for SSS to have dedicated residence halls, especially to help students who have a less-than-desirable home life.

“SSS has really helped me and I would like to support others after graduation. Alumni should give back to programs that assisted them with their success.”