

“Scholarships make education possible, period. I would not be affording my tuition bill without the individuals that have helped pave a way for me. I owe them everything,” said Kamarie Shultis, a pre-nursing major who will graduate in 2022.

Upon earning her Bachelor of Science in nursing, she intends to pursue her master’s degree and become a nurse practitioner for family medicine. Her favorite part of her program is the challenge and will to do and be better and she is excited to learn strategies to best serve patients efficiently. She credits Dr. David Mallory, professor and chair of biological sciences, as her favorite professor.

“He believes in his students and pushes us far beyond the goals of what we thought we could reach. I have learned more in his class than any other at Marshall and have done well on nursing entrance exams solely because of how hard he pushed us to succeed. He has helped many by supporting their dreams of going into the sciences or health fields.”

The professors play a huge role in making Marshall feel like a family. Kamarie knew Marshall was home, after visiting campus a few times, and likes that it is small enough to feel homey, but big enough to make students feel like they are part of something bigger than themselves.

“My favorite place on campus is the Student Support Service (SSS) office in Prichard, because I work alongside Marshall staff. They feel like family and I enjoy studying and being a member there, as well,” she explained. “I hope that many first-generation and low income students learn about SSS and apply to the program. I would not be as successful as I am in college, or be able to afford necessities, like printing or counseling without SSS. It has been the best part of my college experience!”



Fun Facts

Name: Kamarie Shultis

Class of 2022

Hometown: Spencer, West Virginia

Major: Nursing

Favorite color: Lavender

Textbooks or eBooks: I like both, depending on the class.

Favorite thing about Huntington: Marshall, of course! Ritter Park is a close second!

Favorite spot off campus: Ritter Park, preferably the trails or tennis courts!

Student Support Services was established to assist students in overcoming class, social, academic and cultural barriers to education and is a federally funded TRiO grant program. Many students in the program enjoy visiting the SSS office because it is a nice place for them to relax on campus.

In her spare time, Kamarie volunteers at the Marshall University Neuroscience Club's Annual Brain Expo. She teaches vocal lessons in Jackson County, West Virginia and enjoys working with West Virginia Kids on First (WVKOF) performing arts for communities in the state. She also actively volunteers at nursing homes and local food and toy drives during the holiday season.

Kamarie hopes that Marshall continues to thrive and hopes alumni realize that they are opening the doors for students by investing in them.

"Alumni should give back to help those that cannot afford an education; to help those that are worthy and deserving, as well as hardworking. I promise it is worth every penny of your investment. Keep going, keep giving and it will all come back around to helping the betterment of society," she said. "To my donors, how could I begin to repay you? You helped give me the gift of my education, and no one can steal that from me. Thank you, truly."