

"I chose Marshall University because of the close-knit family atmosphere it provides to thousands of students every year and the relationships you build with others on campus," said Kyle Powers, criminal justice major in the College of Science.

"Since I was a kid, my father has worked at Marshall. Over the years, I grew to love the campus itself, but also the people in it. Marshall is a place where you grow personally, but also help others grow. That's what makes Marshall, Marshall," he said.

The Lavalette, West Virginia, native will graduate in the spring of 2021. He looks forward to learning more major specific topics and believes his biggest challenge as a college student is juggling extracurricular activities and schoolwork, as he highly values both. He credits his parents as his biggest supporters because they have always cheered for, supported and helped him.

Kyle works as a student equipment manager on campus working with Olympic Sports, such as basketball, baseball and other sports. He is also involved with HerdVision, the campus sporting event broadcast group.

In the summers of 2018 and 2019, Kyle had the opportunity to work for the Pittsburgh Steelers during their training camp and regular season home games. A member of the Student Government Association, Kyle currently serves as the vice president. He is also a social media ambassador for the university.

"My favorite place on campus would have to be the Memorial Fountain. Growing up around Huntington, I knew about the plane crash, but when I became a student, I had a new respect for the story and history. The Memorial Fountain represents our story as a community, school and student body," said Kyle.



Fun Facts

Name: Kyle Powers

Class of 2021

Hometown: Lavalette, West Virginia

Major: Criminal Justice

Favorite color: Kelly green, of course!

Textbooks or eBooks: I really prefer eBooks. I enjoy having a copy on various devices, rather than one single book.

Favorite thing about Huntington: Growing up just 5 minutes from the city, Huntington is close to my heart. I have too many favorite things to count associated with Huntington. From DAWG Dazzle to the fire prevention parade, anytime the community comes together and celebrates, that is one of my favorite things about Huntington.

With a scholarship from the Governor's Honors Academy, Kyle is thankful for the support it provides. He reminds alumni who give back to Marshall in any way that their example heavily influences students while providing hope and a strong example of how a Marshall education can transform lives.

Aspiring to be like his grandmother, who passed away from leukemia, Kyle says he was taught "how precious life is and how quickly it can be taken away." His hope for his time at Marshall is that he can help make it better and leave his mark.

"I am most thankful for my friends and all of the relationships I have made along the way, from professors to the students."