

“Scholarships mean a large burden has been taken away from myself and my family, and I am therefore able to concentrate on my schoolwork instead of finances,” said Alyssa Milbee of Scott Depot, West Virginia.

“I have been fortunate to receive many scholarships to fund my education at Marshall, all of which I am very grateful for. I cannot begin to say thank you enough to the generous donors who give and allow students, myself included to have one less thing to worry about when college becomes stressful,” she said.

A double major in biological sciences and health science with a minor in chemistry, Alyssa is currently a junior who will graduate in 2021. She was attracted to Marshall because of its proximity to home and because of the large-school amenities with the small-campus feeling. She values Marshall’s sense of community and that when she meets someone on the Huntington campus, they likely have mutual friends.

“Students in both of my degree programs are supportive of one another, and our professors are always willing to sit down with us and answer any questions that we have. We all want to see each other succeed, and networking with such a positive community is a great way to kick-start that,” Alyssa explained.

Looking forward to learning anything she can, Alyssa has enjoyed the courses that are opposite of her major, such as the critical thinking and writing intensive courses, as they have expanded her knowledge on politics, literature and international studies. She is grateful to find new interests while pursuing her passions.

“My hope for my time at Marshall is to continue to grow and learn in my major while exploring options for the future,” said Alyssa, who believes her greatest challenge as a college student is finding the time for interests outside of school or hobbies.



Fun Facts

Name: Alyssa Milbee

Class of 2021

Hometown: Scott Depot, West Virginia

Major: Biology and Health Sciences

Favorite color: I do not have a favorite color, but I have always like pastel and neutral colors.

Textbooks or eBooks: I personally love old-fashioned textbooks. I have always been a big reader, so I much prefer to have the physical version of a book to take notes in. I also enjoy taking breaks from electronics when reading or studying.

Favorite thing about Huntington: The outreach that so many organizations and clubs, especially on Marshall's campus, participate in.

Although she does not have one specific favorite place on campus, Alyssa does enjoy soaking in its beauty throughout the seasons. She credits Drinko Library as her favorite place to study and her parents and other family members as her biggest supporters.

“Whether I am in need of advice regarding a class or assignment or a simple pep-talk, my family is always a phone call or short drive away. I am thankful for all the support they have given me,” she said.

Alyssa is actively involved on campus as a member of the Honors College, Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She is a member of the Student Government Association, where she serves as a senator for the College of Health Professions. Alyssa is also a member of the Red Cross Club, Baptist Campus Ministry, Health Science Society, Biology Club, Women’s Empowerment Club and the Pediatric Entertainment Program, a non-profit, on-campus organization that aims to bring happiness and fun to the children at Hoops Family Children’s Hospital at Cabell Huntington Hospital. A group of 3-4 students visit the hospital weekly to do crafts or play games with the children to keep their minds occupied and ease the burden of their hospital stay. She is thankful for the support of her Marshall friends and family that surrounds her daily.

“Getting involved on campus has allowed me to form relationships that I cannot imagine my life without, while keeping in touch with old friends has been a large benefit of going to college closer to home,” Alyssa said, explaining how alumni’s generosity can assist students.

“I believe alumni should give back so that future students can have the same opportunities that they had. It’s not only generous, but important to credit the people and places that have aided success. Future students can see who and what they aspire to be and achieve through donors who have received an education at the same institution.”