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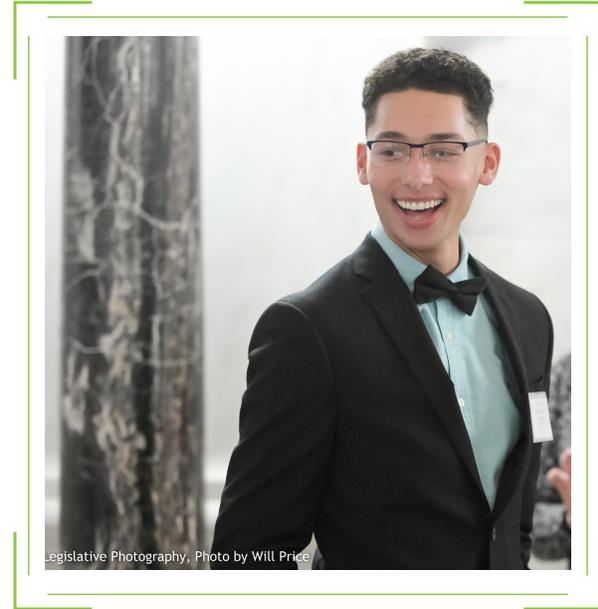
“Scholarships are a means of pursuing higher education and consequently opening dozens of doors that will inevitably allow me to be presented with opportunity that many minorities in this country wouldn’t have access to otherwise. Consequently, they are a liaison from the lessening of the financial burdens that cause young adults to repeat cycles of poverty and hardship which often disable them from being able to achieve more. Without the many scholarships available to me through Marshall, I could not give this testimony,” said Jarred Carter of Saint Albans, West Virginia.

A recipient of the Brad and Alys Smith Family Scholarship, Benjamin A. Gilman International, Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation Dunlap-Ellis, PROMISE, Three Rivers American Indian Center, Wellman Family, Marshall University Board of Governor’s and the Marshall University Intercultural Scholarships, Jarred also receives the HSTA Tuition Waiver. Double majoring in computer science and cyber security, Jarred will graduate in 2022. After graduation, he will either become a software engineer or cybersecurity analyst. Although he is currently uncertain which path he will pursue, he is looking at NASA, SpaceX and other major technology corporations across the United States. After attending Marshall University’s Intercultural Student Weekend, Jarred knew Marshall is where he belonged.

“The overnight event gave me insight to the diverse student body, to which I would soon integrate and the opportunities available to me, and the resulting opportunity to apply for membership in the Society of Black Scholars was a strong deciding factor,” he said.

Jarred loves that the student-teacher ratio at Marshall allows for one-on-one learning and strong student/professor relationships. He is thankful for his professors, who he describes as enthusiastic about the material they cover. The biggest challenge Jarred has faced as a student is learning to balance his personal and work life, which he found increasingly challenging as he increased his responsibility.

“During the 2020 spring semester when we went to virtual learning due to the pandemic, I faced the challenge of studying 3 credit hours online to 15 credit hours,” Jarred said.



Fun Facts

Name: Jarred Carter

Class of 2022

Hometown: St. Albans, West Virginia

Major: Computer Science and Cyber Security

Favorite color: Pastel Pink

Textbooks or eBooks: Digital is preferred. When I need to annotate and complete a literary analysis, I prefer to have digital textbooks so I can hit Ctrl + F and search for the lines I need to cite. For computer science and math, digital is also preferable; however, there are specific circumstances in which print is better.

Favorite place in Huntington: The Market and Nomada Bakery are places that I like to visit on occasion. They are symbols of the change and restoration that Huntington’s citizens are trying to implement for people to better enjoy their time there.

“There were many times that I wanted to go to Drinko so that I could study without the distraction of a flat screen television, the sounds of my mother working from home in the other room and the dog at home who was begging me to play with him instead of stare at Blackboard on my computer screen.”

As a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholar, Jarred was supposed to spend the summer abroad in Madrid, Spain. Due to COVID-19, his trip was postponed to 2021. He hopes to have the opportunity to visit another country during his study abroad experience this summer, too.

“Study abroad opportunities do not make themselves readily available to everyone, and to have the opportunity to do so is something enriching that it will positively impact my growth and development in both the personal and professional realm,” Jarred said, who has always strived to be a global citizen with no specific area code. “Global citizenry is a highly important concept as our world becomes more interconnected.”

During his time at Marshall, Jarred hopes to solidify his interpersonal skills and grow more as a leader through service learning, experience and establish meaningful connections that help him grow personally and professional. His favorite place on campus is Drinko Library, as he has always enjoyed studying there. If he knows that he needs to complete work and is feeling unmotivated, he still goes to Drinko, knowing the energy will provide great motivation.

Jarred is active on campus as a research fellow for the NASA WV Space Grant Consortium. He is a Marshall University Presidential Ambassador and resident advisor. Additionally, Jarred is a member of the Society of Black Scholars, where he serves on the advisory council. To be a good friend, he embodies humor because “if you can’t have a good laugh, then how are you going to distract yourself from day-to-day responsibilities?” On his journey at Marshall, Jarred is most thankful for the people who push him to become better.

“Without some of these people, I would not have the scholarships that I have that allow me to pursue my degrees or the friends that support me as I fulfill my academic desires,” he said, adding that he is thankful for alumni who give back to help students facing struggles.

“To struggle is to be human, and this exemplifies at universities with financial hardships, access to opportunity necessary to break the cycle of poverty, mental health issues and various other interpersonal issues,” said Jarred. “Alumni who have seen or experienced these hardships should give back to further lessen the burden for future generations of leaders and thinkers. Contributing to the success of one who may need a push is a contribution to the evolution of society, technology and consciousness, because children, or in this case, young adults, are living messages we send to a time we will not see.”