

“When alumni give back, it gives the next generation of students the opportunity to get an education just like they did,” said Taylor Riedel, a third year pharmacy student at Marshall University School of Pharmacy.

A Huntington, West Virginia, native, Taylor knew her junior year of high school that she wanted to become a pharmacist. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in chemistry at Marshall and was excited to stay here to pursue her pharmacy degree. Her favorite place on campus is the Memorial Fountain, as it is a “beautiful memorial” and allows her to “reflect on how precious life is.” She loves that the Marshall and Huntington communities are so well integrated and likes “living in a town where the university means so much to the people.”

Taylor has enjoyed each class that she has taken in pharmacy school. She gets excited to learn how different medications work and how they can be used for treatment. Transitioning from a professional program from undergraduate school has been Taylor’s biggest challenge as a student.

“While I was in undergrad at Marshall, I played volleyball for four years. I already had good time management skills; however, once I was at the School of Pharmacy, the level of material that you are learning is much more complex and requires more time committed to studying. It requires learning to study with others in your class and being willing to interact with faculty,” Taylor explained.

In addition to her studies, Taylor is actively involved with the School of Pharmacy. She serves as the school’s student body president, Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPF) president and the vice president of Rho Chi, an academic honor’s society for pharmacy students. She also works as a pharmacy intern at Walgreens.

“I am thankful to be in a Doctorate of Pharmacy program where I have a close relationship with both my teachers and classmates. I feel really blessed to just be able to learn and go through the challenges it takes to succeed in the program.”



## Fun Facts

**Name:** Taylor Riedel

**Class of 2021**

**Hometown:** Huntington, West Virginia

**Major:** Doctorate of Pharmacy

**Favorite color:** Green

**Textbooks or eBooks:** Textbooks

**Favorite place in Huntington:** My favorite thing about Huntington is that it's my home. Almost anywhere I go, I run in to someone that I know whether it's an old teacher, coach or friend from high school.