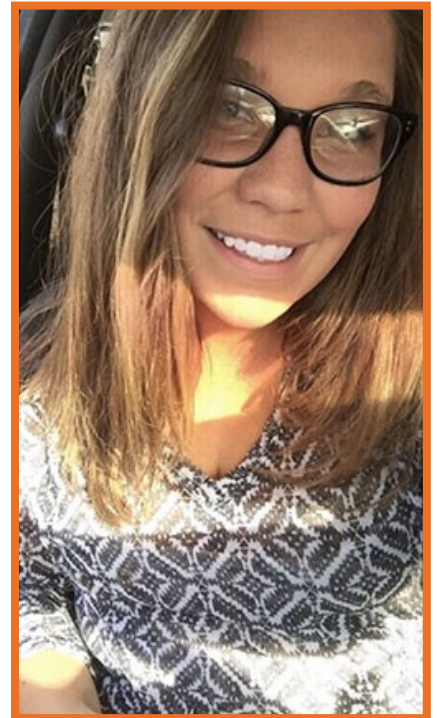


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The Language of Gratitude

“Everything is about giving back; taking your abilities to help somebody else, because that might be you one day,” says Whitley Winter, a junior in Marshall University’s College of Health Professions.

Knowing she wanted to be a speech language pathologist, Whitley chose to attend Marshall after hearing a student in the program rave about the curriculum and wonderful professors. “I am from Putnam County, so I wanted to go to school in West Virginia. I want to stay in West Virginia. I want to offer my services to give back to my home state,” she says.

Now that Whitley is in the communication disorders program, she enjoys the hands on aspects of clinical lab, as well as working with children. “I want to help children; that is my main goal,” she says.

She plans to pursue graduate school at Marshall, where she anticipates expanding her baseline knowledge to include clinical insight so that she will be able to diagnose individuals. “I am looking forward to start being able to impact people,” she explains.

Whitley understands the impact one person can make. As a scholarship recipient, she is grateful for the support. “Scholarships give me the ability to study what I am interested in and help people. Without scholarships, it would be a lot harder on my parents to try to send me to college. I’m grateful that somebody out there believes in me to help me pursue my dreams,” she says.

Involved in many campus activities, Whitley serves as the president of her sorority, Tri-Sigma, which supports the Boys and Girls Club in Huntington. She is also involved in the National Student Speech and Hearing Language Association (NSSHLA), the communication disorders club that serves the community by volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House and collects necessary items for the City Mission. Additionally, Whitley is involved with Dance Thunder, a 24 hour dance marathon held annually on Marshall’s campus that raises money for the Hoops Family Children’s Hospital. She serves as the vice president for the National Society of Leadership and Success and is a member of the National Collegiate Scholars.

“I do not think people realize how much college students are willing to give back,” says Whitley. “I hope that the campus and the students grow. I think Marshall is a great school. “

“Thank you to the Masons of West Virginia, my scholarship donors, for believing in me; for allowing me to pursue my passion so that I can give back.”

Fun Facts:

Class of 2018

Major:
Communication Disorders

Hometown:
Hometown, West Virginia

Textbooks or eBooks:
Textbooks

Favorite Color:
Pink

Favorite Food:
Pizza

Favorite campus spot:
Drinko Library

Favorite place in Huntington:
Pullman Square and all of the parks.