

Devyn Samples First Recipient of the Kemp W. Winfree Memorial Scholarship



The Historic Glenwood Foundation, in partnership with Marshall University's Graduate Humanities Program, is pleased to announce the first recipient of the Kemp W. Winfree Memorial Scholarship: **Devyn Samples**, who is pursuing an MA in humanities with a concentration in historical studies and a graduate certificate in public history.

Samples holds a BA from Marshall University with a triple major in Latin, international affairs and humanities. As an undergraduate, she also focused her interests with a concentration in classical studies and a minor in ancient Greek. As a graduate student, Samples has expanded her interests into public history and, in addition to her MA, is pursuing a graduate certificate in public history. As part of her MA and certificate work, Samples is currently conducting historical analysis of the Z. D. Ramsdell House site in Ceredo, West Virginia. She has studied the relationship of the house and its artifacts to the larger history of West Virginia, and considered how different and various histories and values have led to a dynamic and evolving understanding of state history. In collaboration with the West Virginia Culture Center, Marshall University faculty and other students, she is curating public engagement with the site.

Samples plans to put her experience to work for the Historic Glenwood Foundation by studying and analyzing a series of videos made with Kemp Winfree on the history of the Glenwood Estate. She plans to select topics for research and writing, as well as produce short video excerpts and other research and creative outputs. A native of Saint Albans, Samples will help advance the mission of the Glenwood Foundation for education and outreach through this public history effort.

The Kemp W. Winfree Memorial Scholarship honors the life and work of Kemp Winfree, a former Vice President of the Marshall University Graduate College and Executive Director of the Historic Glenwood Foundation. Winfree took great pleasure in assisting the work of students, and was instrumental in forming a lasting public-private partnership between the Glenwood Foundation and Marshall University's Graduate Humanities Program.

The Kemp W. Winfree Memorial Scholarship is available to admitted students pursuing their MA in Humanities. Current students are eligible to apply for up to two years. If applicable, scholarships are renewable after the first year pending acceptable performance determined by the Glenwood Foundation's scholarship committee (consisting of representatives from both the Glenwood Foundation and the Graduate Humanities Program). Awardees are expected to generate measurable deliverables each semester while working under the scholarship, which should lead to the production of a research or creative output at the end of the scholarship period.