

2011 Recruitment Assessment Day Survey Results

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1. What is the most important thing you have discovered in your time at Marshall? (This could be academic, personal, or something from a student activity).

Text Response

There were many answers. Some examples are listed below:

Services available to students

Helpfulness of MU faculty

Friends – meeting new people

Setting and staying focused on goals

Different perspective/outlook on life

That there are not many co-curricular activities for non-traditional students

Where to get help

Clubs in my major, which helped me with academics

Time management and goal setting

Student Organizations

Challenging classes

What I want to do in life

That I have become an adult

To appreciate diversity

It's important to go to class!

A good advisor is the key to graduating on time.

Networking

Divergent thinking

The Recreation Center

Wonderful professors

I have become independent

Staff are committed to helping students achieve their goals.

Small, personal class sizes

My major

To succeed, you must work hard.

There are many people who are different than I am.

Discipline

The campus community

Stress management

Academics at Marshall gave me a better education than I ever imagined.

College is only 50% what you learn in the classroom; the other 50% is finding out what you believe and how you function as a person in society.

I have discovered who I am

Education is the only thing that can't be taken away from you.

There is always something to do on campus.

You have to study!
Living on campus had a major impact on my life.

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| Total Responses | 193 |

2. What have you done in your time at Marshall that you are passionate about? Again, this can be academic, but it doesn't have to be.

Text Response

There were a variety of answers, all of which have been shared with the Recruitment Office. Examples are given below.

Campus Christian Ministries.

Keeping up my GPA.

Doing research in breast cancer.

My Graduate Assistant position.

Providing advice to the younger students.

Giving therapy to children to help them communicate.

Community service and other volunteer work.

Student organizations.

Various major fields.

Various religious organizations.

International Festival.

Various ensembles in the music department.

My study abroad experience.

Intramural sports.

MU athletic events.

My capstone project.

Suicide Prevention, CONTACT, and LGBT Programs.

Having the privilege of teaching through an assistantship.

I learned what it takes to be an amazing teacher, and I had many hands-on learning experiences that have helped me to prepare for a real-world career in the field of education.

Taking leadership roles in my department.

Academics.

I have performed in 11 shows here in the Marshall University Theatre Department, in two years. That's more stage time than some schools may offer in a 4 years.

I've had the chance to work with some amazing professors and develop job skills while gaining knowledge about the world around me and building strong friendships.

Writing.

I'm most passionate about preventing bullying and harassment on our campus. More specifically, I'm

passionate about creating a safe environment for LGBT persons to live and learn in. I try to accomplish this as I work in the Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender Outreach Office by speaking to classrooms, residence halls, faculty, and staff about the experiences I've had personally, as well as experiences that others have shared with me. I believe that we fear that which we do not understand or that which we are not familiar with, so I work towards improving knowledge about the LGBT culture and creating opportunities for the community at large to become more familiar with the LGBT community. Our signature program is the Safe Space program, which is aimed at raising the visibility of individuals who are supportive of those students who identify as LGBT, as well as raising their awareness of resources available on campus and in the community.

Giving back to the community through my sorority.

Being a resident advisor.

Helping with the Student Activities Programming Board events.

Working on the campus TV show.

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3. What do you plan to pursue when you complete your degree?

Text Response

There were a variety of answers. These are summarized below.

Enter the military.

IT/Software development career.

Obtain a doctorate in physical therapy.

Be a teacher.

Attend medical school.

Become a free lance graphic designer.

Teach at the college level.

Full-time position with WV state government.

Enter the Publishing field.

I plan to either pursue a doctoral degree or a career in federal law enforcement.

Be an accountant.

I plan to pursue my own business doing something public relations related. I would love to start my own business in event planning.

I am attending law school.

Three years in the Active Army as a musician in a military band, followed by graduate school. The COFA has prepared me tremendously for my studies in music.

Become a nurse practitioner.

Become a counselor.

Obtain a PhD and become a college professor.

Work as an athletic trainer while obtaining a doctorate in physical therapy.

I would like a position with Marshall University.

I want to be able to go to a hospital and work full-time. After a few years, I want to return to get my PhD.

I plan to get a career in Human Resources outside of West Virginia and I feel that Marshall has prepared me for this plan.

I ultimately just want to become a professor or a researcher. I have just enjoyed the college setting to such an extent that I really would rather not leave.

I plan to become a financial planner.

I plan to become an elementary school teacher.

I plan to work with animals.

I plan to be a speech-language pathologist.

I want to become an IRS or an FBI agent.

I would like to work internationally.

I plan on applying to the Teach For America program where I will hopefully get my teacher's certification and my master's of education.

Once I obtain my degree I plan to pursue a career at the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS).

I plan to work in a government agency.

I plan to attend dental school.

I plan to pursue a graduate degree in Theatre performance.

I plan to work for the National Park Service.

I'd like to be a counselor.

I plan to pursue a job in the sports video field or sports journalism.

I plan to become a special education teacher.

I plan to teach a few years of French, then I plan to try to move to France.

I plan to be an actress

I want to be a CRNA.

I want to get my doctorate in Psychology.

I plan to obtain a job in the business field.

I plan to pursue a career in civil engineering.

I plan a career in mass communications.

I'd like to be a biologist for the US Army Corp of Engineers.

I plan to go into forensic accounting.

I plan to become a physician's assistant.

I would like to join the Peace Corps.

I plan to become a pharmacist.

I plan to become an art teacher.

I plan to become a financial planner.

I plan to work in China.

I plan to become an optometrist.

I plan to become a member of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives.

I plan to enter dentistry.

I plan to work in a crime lab.

I plan to teach Chemistry.

I plan to be a reading specialist in an elementary school.

I plan to work as a therapist who helps individuals overcome addictions.

I plan to pursue a PhD in Neurology.

I plan to be a graphic designer.

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| Total Responses | 205 |

4. How have your goals changed since you started classes at Marshall? Is there a particular person or event that helped shape your new dream?

Text Response

There were varied responses that can be summarized as follows:

Many students reported that their goals hadn't changed; other students reported that they didn't know what their goals were when they first came, and many students said they had changed their goals since coming to Marshall University. They credited many, many professors and professional student organizations for their success at Marshall.

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| Total Responses | 180 |

5. What were the three most influential factors in your decision to attend Marshall?

Text Response

Responses converged around the following themes:

- Family close by
- Affordable
- Quality and reputation of various academic programs
- Friendly environment
- Friendly to military students
- It's in my hometown
- Attractive campus
- Good location
- Good school
- Variety of areas of study
- Positive experience with Admissions, Financial Aid, and Advisors
- Availability of specific majors
- Availability of scholarships
- Size of campus
- Sports
- To be with friends
- Legacy students
- Small class sizes
- To change my life, and those of my children, for the better.

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