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STUDY ABROAD TIPS FOR HONORS STUDENTS

By Addison Leaberry

During the summer many honors students studied abroad and many more are planning to. There are many Marshall University study abroad opportunities as well as many more programs that can be applied for. A few examples of these include Tyler Hebert and Brooke Burns. These students all studied abroad through different programs. Tyler Hebert is a junior Civil engineering major. As a Yeager Scholar, this summer she attended literature courses at Oxford. The first piece of advice Hebert had was to not go anywhere by yourself, safety is the most important thing.

Additionally, Hebert says the most challenging part of studying in England was communicating with her family and friends in the States. She recommends getting an international phone plan while away. She also recommends keeping in mind that you are going to come back with more than what you arrived with so try not to over pack. Heber says she over packed shoes and ended up only wearing about three pairs.



Figure 1 Photo by Tyler Hebert

However, the transportation there was so much nicer. It made day trips much easier, so she highly recommends taking some if you have the opportunity. Along with the easy of transportation, Hebert also says she misses studying in the libraries of Oxford. She said, "finding space to work on schoolwork helps to focus on school." Hebert says that when traveling internationally it is important to think ahead, make sure to get a passport early and do research.

Brooke Burns is a Senior Geology major. Over the past summer she researched pseudotachylite and ancient earthquake proration in Greenland. This research was conducted through the National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates.

When asked for a general piece of advice when it comes to studying abroad Burns said, do it even if you are nervous. Burns



Figure 2 Photo by Brooke Burns

explained her own experiences with being nervous before going abroad and that she felt imposter syndrome. She said that once she arrived in Greenland she was “let loose” to conduct research on her own. Burns elaborated, “in class the questions had right and wrong answers, however, there I was studying things that had never been discovered.” She said the most challenging part of her experience was camping in the arctic circle. This was challenging because Burns said she packed too much of what she did not need and not enough of what she did. She especially wishes she would have brought a backpack designed for backpacking, and warmer layers.

Because of the independent nature of Burns’ research, and the new

and exciting area, she found making a schedule of when she would do work versus when she would explore to be helpful. She said her surroundings were beautiful; she could brush her teeth with a view of whales. While Burns misses the whales since she has been home, she missed Target while she was away. Something she suggests keeping from getting homesick is to bring something small from home. Additionally, her last piece of advice is to do your research, know where you are going, what you need to bring, travel information, and all other important details.

A benefit to studying abroad is that the credits that are acquired abroad could go towards required honors credits! The honors council even has funds that honors students can apply for. For more information about Marshall’s Study abroad program please see Marshall University’s honors college and study abroad webpages.

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<https://www.marshall.edu/study-abroad/students/faq/>

AN UPDATE ON THE TITLE IX TASK FORCE

By Wynn Johnson

Following the controversial USA Today article that exposed Marshall University’s Title IX office, the Title IX Task Force was announced by President Brad Smith in December 2022. Since this announcement, there have been no updates as to what the task force has been working on. The purpose of the Title IX Task Force, as described by President Smith in his Presidential Address, is to bring recommendations on areas of the Title IX Office that need to be reformed to the Office of the President for review and implementation.



Figure 3 Photo from Herald Dispatch

While President Smith has asked the Task Force for recommendations, co-chair Bex Law states that it’s really about, “rebuilding trust with students and supporting their

asked the Task Force for Bex Law states that it’s really students and supporting their

experiences. We want students to feel safer on campus.” The goal, she says, is for students to feel like “they each have a seat at the table.”

The Task Force values contributions from all students, faculty, and staff. In an effort to include everyone in the process, a rotating seat was created. This rotating seat allows one person to join the Task Force at each meeting. The rotating seat can be filled by anyone with knowledge or experience, whether they are students, faculty, staff, or experts. Last meeting's rotating seat was Honor's student Rimsha Kingson. “I feel like the meeting was productive because there were a lot of discussions made within just that two-hour time limit,” she said. “It's very settling to see that these things are finally being handled with care and also in a timely manner.”

Currently, the Task Force has finished creating a climate survey that was released to students, faculty, and staff to better understand campus culture and create a baseline to measure trust with students. They have also completed research on best practices from local universities and are drafting final recommendations. These recommendations will be announced the first week of March. Any comments or additional recommendations from students, faculty, or staff can be emailed directly to law41@outlook.com, or by using the Title IX recommendations website. Requests for the rotating seat can be sent there as well.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

By Cassidy Jordan

One of the main causes of stress for college students is paying for college. Student loans can turn into massive amounts of debt that take years to pay off. Some students even work full-time jobs in order to pay for their education, which can cause massive amounts of stress and cause students to not perform as well in their classes.

Luckily, Marshall University offers many scholarship opportunities for all students, to ease that financial burden and reward hardworking students who need that extra help paying for school.

Marshall also offers private scholarships, located in the scholarship portal. Students complete one application that applies them for many different scholarships based on their information. Students can apply for these scholarships now for the 2023/24 school year.

The Honors College offers students in the college a small scholarship just for being in the Honors College. Students must maintain a 3.33 GPA to maintain the scholarship and complete the Honors College course requirements. The Honors College also has other scholarship opportunities listed on their page, including the Jean McAlister Albarran Scholarship and the A. Mervin Tyson Honors Award. Go to the Honors College website for more information.

Some colleges offer departmental scholarships. Ask your advisor if your department has any available scholarships, and search on your department's website for opportunities. Also make sure to check your email regularly, as scholarship opportunities are often emailed out to students.

The Office of National Scholarships is also a great resource for students. The Office is housed in the Honors College but is available to help all Marshall students with finding and applying for competitive



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scholarships. Take a look at the website or make an appointment with the office by emailing ons@marshall.edu.

Marshall also offers several Merit-Based Scholarships for incoming freshmen. They are based on high

school GPA and ACT and/or SAT scores. They are automatically applied for upon admission to the University. The West Virginia Promise Scholarship is also a great opportunity for students from WV. This scholarship is only available for first semester students and has a few necessary requirements for acceptance and renewal.

There are many opportunities for students to apply for scholarships. Take advantage of these opportunities, and do not hesitate to reach out to your advisor for help or email the Office of Student Financial Assistance sfa@marshall.edu.

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