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How did your experience at Marshall help you after graduation?

Beyond the subject matter that I learned while in school, Marshall helped spark my curiosity and general love of learning, which served me well not only in college and grad school but throughout my career. It's that curiosity that makes me excited to learn the ins and outs of a new company or business area that I'm supporting. I also learned how to think critically—to not simply take things at face value, but to ask questions and form my own opinion.

Who at Marshall inspired you?

This is an easy answer—it would be my mom [Sharon Rolle]! She taught at Marshall for three decades as a math teacher and even taught me during my time there. She is incredibly smart, witty, and compassionate, and truly loved being a teacher. That's something that I'll always remember about Marshall—how committed and passionate the entire teaching staff is.

Who currently inspires you?

I have three little kids—ages 7, 4, and 1—and they are sources of inspiration for me on a daily basis! When you work in a challenging job and are balancing that with a busy family life, it's easy to get caught up in it all. My kids inspire me to not take life too seriously, and remind me of the importance of being present.