Marshall University: Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

* 1st medical school named after a female
* Located in Huntington, West Virginia (Ohio/Kentucky border)
* 80 students average class size (77% WV residents)
  + Only accept students from states that border WV (VA. KY, MD, PA, & OH)
* Application deadline: November 1st
  + Rolling admissions- get applications in early!
* Special programs
  + Wilderness Medicine Program
  + Homeless Medicine Program
* Tips for Interview/ What will make you memorable?
  + “4 Leg Table”
    - Grades/MCAT
    - AMCAS (June 1st open- allow plenty of time to fill out)
    - Letters of Recommendation
      * More personable= more memorable
    - Personal statement
  + “It’s a service- spending the rest of your life serving”
    - Want to see you understand the time commitment and continued necessity to serve
  + Clinical skills labs- looking for genuine interest in subject not just fulfilling a requirement
  + Practice with someone else
    - Video record and go back and watch and analyze
      * Smile continually
      * Don’t shake/ look nervous
      * Pull back hair if have tendency to fidget with
  + Look at mission statement for specific school before hand and have ideas in mind of what you can relate to about that school
    - Do your research on school and look for connections to your application and personality
  + Be your best self
    - Arrive early
    - Dress respectfully
  + Thank you letters- are appreciated and reflect well
  + Be enthusiastic
    - Want to remain on positive note throughout interview
* Personal Statement
  + Why are you interested in medicine?
  + If received any poor grades/ need to explain anything- own the grade
    - Make sure you are not making excuses, explain why and what could have possibly been done differently
* Portfolio to bring with to interviews
  + List of realistic questions you have about the school
    - Nothing you can find online/ on their website (ex: class size)
  + Copy of personal statement
    - Make sure you know what you wrote as may be asked about in interview
  + Resume
  + Copy of specific school mission statements
* Research- a chance to find your interest