



## Kaity Foster, BS

Kaity started at WVU undecided and eventually chose to follow her passion for working to change/spread awareness about social injustices and became a Criminology major with a minor in Communication Studies. Kaity has loved many of her major courses and was introduced to the Research Center on Violence after taking Deviant Behaviors with Dr. Sanchez.

About the RCV, Kaity said “the Center has provided me with so many incredible opportunities from allowing me to pursue my research interests and be a part of the research team that has been continuously collecting data for the Quality of Life Survey”. The Center has helped her develop and pursue her interest in studying topics, such as sexual assault, which she was then able to present at the 2017 American Society of Criminology Conference in Philadelphia, PA. Her participation also led her to the Violence Research and Awareness Association which she states “has allowed for me to put my passion for raising awareness into action right here on campus”. Kaity has worked tirelessly to assist the Research Center through her time as a student here, both in helping with data collection on the Quality of Life Survey as well as being a founding member and President of the Violence Research and Awareness Association.

She is a hardworking, motivated student that is goal oriented. Kaity’s plans after graduation in Spring 2018 include taking a year off from school to work, hopefully in a research setting, and then she will begin working towards her Master’s Degree. When asked about her future goals, Kaity said “I know it is cliché, but I want to help people, whether that be through research or being directly in the field, I want to make a difference in the lives of others and for future generations”. When asked what WVU has given her she stated, “I have been able to truly find myself and my passion here at WVU, specifically through the RCV to which I am forever grateful”.

Outside of her role as a student, Kaity loves reading, writing, spending time with friends, and she LOVES her cat, King. Kaity’s final thought about her time at the Research Center was “through the Center, I have met many incredible people who have presented me with amazing opportunities that I will never forget”.