

Franklin Virtual Academy Student of the Month

Marshall Coulter, junior, son of Gary and Deborah Marshall, is completing his fifth year with Franklin Virtual Academy and will graduate in May of 2018. Marshall is the Franklin Virtual Academy Student of the Month for May. Although Marshall has not solidified his plans following graduation, he has the options of working in his father's automotive business or potentially exploring the field of IT tech/game designing.

Marshall joined FVA in 2013 as an 8th grader. Marshall's parents chose FVA as an educational path for him due to their son struggling with non-academic areas of the middle school environment. "We are very

grateful that FVA was an option for Marshall", states Deborah Coulter. "All of the things that parents and children complain about with classroom learning are all non-existent with cyber schooling, making for a more relaxed, pleasant learning experience."

Since Marshall was an A/B student, he transitioned well to cyber learning. Some of the areas that Marshall enjoys with online learning are working at his own pace, developing his own schedule which promotes flexibility, semester based courses rather than year-long courses, completing assignments quickly, and selecting the courses that interest him. He finds that his schedule allows him time to do the things that he enjoys during the day/week while also getting his education.

When asked what advice he would give to other students interested in cyber learning Marshall states, "Cyber school is an awesome alternative to classroom learning. It is easiest if you work ahead as much as possible right from the day your courses are assigned."

He continues, "Don't let work pile up because then it can feel overwhelming. Ask for help when you need it and really pay attention to the lessons. As long as you take charge of getting your work done and find a routine that works for you, you will do fine!"

Deborah Coulter added, "I, as a parent, appreciate the extra computer skills that Marshall is gaining – navigating programs, using various platforms, sites and tools – which have led Marshall to explore his areas of interest online and reading and learning more than his courses even require. He is also doing much more writing than is older siblings did while in school. We have not found one drawback to choosing FVA for Marshall!"

Congratulations to Marshall Coulter as Student of the Month!

