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In Their Own Words...

Let us introduce Chase Carroll, a four year scholarship recipient (he applied and won annual awards for four years) from Pensacola, Florida. He will be graduating from University of West Florida in May and has a very bright future in front of him. Chase became well known in the office for his southern charm and politeness. He has always been thankful for the help he has received from WOASF and everyone behind the foundation. Throughout the years Chase has offered to speak on behalf of the foundation and to let others know just how grateful he is for the continued support he has received from the foundation. Since Chase will be graduating soon, we thought now would be the perfect time for him to tell his story...



*Chase Carroll, 2016
graduate of University
of Western Florida*

"At 22 years of age and about to graduate, I recently purchased my first home! Educationally, I have maintained a 3.5 GPA, I am a current member of University of West Florida's Executive Mentorship Program, and I have been offered, and accepted, a summer internship with Northwestern Mutual Fund, one of the top ten internships in the nation. My future career aspiration (as of now) is to graduate and begin my summer internship with Northwestern Mutual, where I will obtain my 215 Life and Health Insurance License, and my Series 7 Investment License. I hope to do well enough during my internship that I am offered a full time position.



In addition to my internship, I am about to celebrate my four year anniversary with Cracker Barrel Old Country Store as a Shift Leader. I am also currently in their Upcoming Leaders Program, which is an associate management training program.

I look forward to getting up every day, excited to see what doors will open. I consider myself highly favored when I ponder all that I have been able to accomplish at such a young age, and with all the incredible support that I have received from both individuals and major sponsors, such as the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation. I am forever grateful to the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation for assisting me financially in obtaining a brighter future."

For the second year, WOASF has helped me achieve my goals by easing my financial burden. I'm involved in the University Park Undergraduate Association as Vice Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee where I am working on a scholarship database in order to make it easier for students to find scholarship money through the University. I am also working on continuing Penn State's partnership with the Princeton Review to offer free graduate prep exams and books in order to help other Penn State students. I enjoy my classes- as I am pursuing a B.S. degree in Economics and potentially a second degree in International Politics- National Security. My Penn State career is always getting better and more exciting, and I could not afford to be here without your help.

—Abby Baker, Penn State University



California Events Produce Gold for WOASF

By Peg Shoemaker

Golf

The last weekend of February proved very profitable for WOASF. It started with a sold out golf tournament at the beautiful Sea 'N Air Golf Course. A picture perfect Coronado day, our golfers enjoyed food, beverages and lots of swag donated by our sponsors. Tournament winners included: First Place— San Diego Padres Team, Second Place— Team NIFCU, Third Place— HSC- 6/Team Brennan, Dead Ass Last— Carrier Ladies, Men's Longest Drive— Aidan Barret, Ladies' Longest Drive—Bevin Melody, Closest to the Pin—Tim Younkin, and the command challenge—USS Carl Vinson. Once again, Maureen & Billy Hart along with Al Lovering reached new heights in creating a great experience for our golfers. Thanks to Brian Smock for donating his time as our Challenge the Pro! Huge shout out goes to Hotline Construction, our presenting sponsor and all of our other sponsors (see right). Finally none of this happens without our amazing group of volunteers. Thank you to our Virginia Beach contingency for traveling all this way and volunteering your time! WOASF is extremely fortunate to have such generous support from the San Diego military and civilian community and we appreciate all that they do to help our foundation grow!

2016 WOASF San Diego Golf Tournament

Presented By



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Concert in the Backyard & Auction

The inaugural FREE “Concert in the Backyard,” sponsored by USAA and Boeing, headlined by *In Midlife Crisis*, with beverages provided by Bay Bridge Brewing Company was a smashing success. 200 WOASF supporters joined us for a great night of music, bidding and socializing. Aviation Commands from around the globe (there's not enough room to mention them all by name) stepped up to provide wildly creative baskets! In addition, businesses from Coronado and the surrounding area donated everything from wine, to dinners, jewelry and theater tickets. There was something for everyone and that was just in the Silent Auction. Completing the evening was our Live Auction which included VIP Tickets to the Phoenix Open, a Skip Frye 50th anniversary surf board, macdaddy Concert in the Park wagon and of course a \$3000 bottle of cognac! The committee of tireless volunteers, with Stacey Perella taking the lead, included Shelley Bolt, Junnifer Thomas, Liz Johnston, Denise Haines, Julee Cheever, Mallory Decker, Teena Goodman, Mo Reynolds, Maureen and Billy Hart, Al Lovering, Baby Anduze, and Kathleen Mulvehill. Also a special thanks for total weekend help goes to Carol Driscoll, Sil Perella, Dan Cheever, Kara Brophy, Chandra and Wayne Baze, Brick Nelson, Bailey Haines, Kristin Walt, Gene and Cathy Bellon, Regina Brown, Alli Ellison, Dano and Bronwyn Fillion, Rhonda Sund, Jim Sievert, Suzanne Vincent, Mindy Cooper, Molly Kennedy, Moose and Paula Laukaitis, Diane and Kristina Brennan, and all of our volunteers! Thank you all for a job well done!! Mark your calendars for next year! February 24th and 25th, 2017! It's a weekend you won't want to miss!!



Spring has arrived, which means that scholarship applications are being processed even as I write this. We have had a record number of applicants this year and are looking forward to selecting our 2016 scholars! We are hoping to award a total of \$200,000 to our dependents. It is always impressive to read the applications and see the high caliber of our students and what they achieve while leading the sometimes challenging military lifestyle. This is what makes them stand out from other students and why Wings Over America continues to invest in the best!

Of course, we could not exist without our wonderful volunteers. The golf tournaments, concerts and auctions rely heavily on people not just opening their wallets but also giving their time to man the registration tables, sell raffle tickets, arrange for food and all the other details that go into the making of a successful event. The College Concert in Virginia Beach made \$27,000 despite Mother Nature! We are so grateful for Expansion of Christopher Newport University who stepped in to replace the Hullabahoos when we moved the concert back a weekend. In San Diego, the annual golf tournament turned into a weekend event with golf on Friday and a concert and auction Saturday evening, bringing in \$50,000! Huge thanks to Peg Shoemaker and her committees who were instrumental in making that happen!

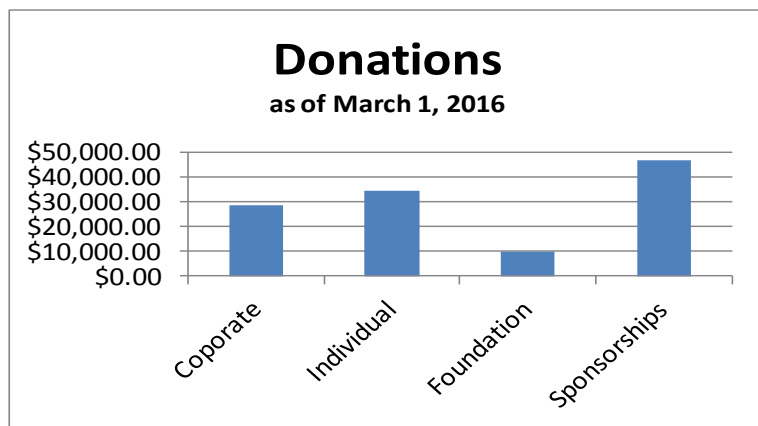
We are holding our inaugural golf tournament in Oklahoma City on April 29th and the annual Oceana All Aviation tournament on May 27th. Come out and golf with us, sponsor a hole or volunteer to help! Spread the word and bring a foursome! Of course, details can be found at www.wingsoveramerica.us.

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Fiscal Check-up

As the foundation hits the halfway point in our fiscal year, we are exceeding our expectations. Due to our fantastic special events and donors, both corporate and private, 2016 is shaping up to be a banner year for WOASF. Not only have our regularly scheduled events, such as the A Cappella Concert and San Diego Golf Tournament set new fundraising records, we have been blessed with the addition of new events, like the San Diego Concert in the Backyard and Oklahoma City Golf Tournament. We are fortunate to have volunteers around the country step up and start new events in new areas in support of WOASF. Because of the outstanding work of our volunteers, we are able to once again raise scholarship amounts (to \$3000) and provide more renewable scholarships for our scholars.

We are also thankful for not only our new corporate sponsors and donors but also those who return year after year to sponsor events and named scholarships. It is a testament to our scholars' outstanding qualities that donors come back each year to sponsor these great Navy dependents.



Also amazing is the generosity of our individual donors. As we increase our awards to keep up with the rising cost of a college education, our donors are right there with us, increasing their donations so they can continue to make a significant impact on our students. We have also had an uptick in first time donors. We are thankful for recent WOASF graduates who have chosen to give back to the foundation that has supported them during their college education. Their parents, who now are done writing their tuition checks, are also sending some of that moeny our way. On behalf of our current and future scholars—Thank You!

All Aviation Virginia Beach Golf Tournament

Friday, May 27, 2016
NAS Oceana Aeropines Golf Course,
Virginia Beach, VA

Sponsored by:



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Shipbuilding**

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Registration: 6:30-7:30 am

Shotgun Start: 8:00 am

Lunch /Awards: 1:00 pm

Fees include:

Green fees and cart

Range Balls

Breakfast

Goody Bag

Lunch

Prizes

Format:

4 Man Captain's Choice (Scramble)

The Command with the most participants (4
foursome minimum) will have a scholarship
named in its honor!

WOASF Oklahoma Golf Tournament

Friday, April 29, 2016
Tinker AFB Golf Course,
Oklahoma City, OK

Sponsored by:



Registration: 7:00-7:45 am

Shotgun Start: 8:00 am

Lunch /Awards: 1:00 pm

Fees include:

Green fees and cart

Goody Bag

Lunch

Prizes

Format:

4 Man Captain's Choice (Scramble)

The Command with the most participants (4
foursome minimum) will have a scholarship
named in its honor!

Registration for WOASF Golf:

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Additional golfers' names _____

Oklahoma City Golf Tournament April 29 _____ @ \$60 Total \$ _____

NAS Oceana Golf tournament May 27 _____ @ \$90 Total \$ _____

Active Duty _____ @ \$75 Total \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Mail registration form & checks payable to: **WOASF**
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A Snowy A Cappella Sing Off

It was the concert that almost wasn't. With an impending snowstorm threatening to keep our performers snowed in at universities scattered throughout Virginia, WOASF was forced to look at some alternatives. Fortunately, our wonderful concert hall was available the very next weekend as were the Sensations, the all female a cappella group from Virginia Tech. Unfortunately, our go to guys, the Hullabahoos from UVA couldn't make it, which set us on a scramble to fill the void. Fortunately for us, Expansion from Christopher Newport University were willing and able to help us out and they were awesome!



Expansion and Sensations pose post performance . Their joint performance of Sugar left everybody wanting more!

Our master of ceremonies was Admiral Tim Keating, who thanked sponsors USAA, TowneBank, GEICO and The Westin for their support. The event had an extra twist of kindness when our raffle winner, Mr. Doug Williams donated his winnings back to WOASF.

Both groups performed sets in each act, one song better than the next. But the finale of both groups combining to sing "Sugar" by Maroon 5, brought down the house! It was a great night of a cappella music and WOASF looks forward to next year when our concert will be held in November (no more snow delays). We don't know who our performers will be, but we can guarantee it will be a great night of music. Tickets will be on sale August 2016.

Coming....

Welcome aboard—**Paula Laukaitis**, our newest director. Paula is no stranger to WOASF as she is a long time volunteer. She has done everything from reading scholarship applications, volunteering at golf, concerts and auctions and is always a great sounding board for how we can help the foundation grow. Paula was most recently "instrumental" in securing Expansion from CNU to be a last minute replacement for our a cappella concert. We look forward to Paula's energy pushing our foundation forward.

Also coming on board is **Charles Heaton**. Chuck has been an advisor at Merrill Lynch since 2002 and we are excited that he will serve as our finance committee chairman. As a former Naval Aviator in the Tomcat community and the current father of two high school students, Chuck knows first hand the challenges our dependents can face. In his short time on the board, Chuck has already helped develop some new ideas for WOASF and we look forward to all that he will bring to the foundation.

...And Going

As excited as we are to welcome Paula, we are sad to say good-bye to the other half of the great Laukaitis team, **Steve Laukaitis**. Steve was key in our Development committee and starting our Wings Support Group, which encompasses small groups in Naval Aviation strongholds who help support WOASF through fundraising and spreading the word about the scholarship.

We are also saddened to say farewell to **Doug Williams**, our finance chair of six years. Doug has helped us usher in new financial reporting and always kept us straight on our investments and our investment policy. Doug was also one of our first donors to step up to provide a renewable scholarship. (See Caroline below.) Doug will be staying on as an Emeritus Director, so he can continue to spread his passion of scholarships to others.

"I'm ecstatic to be able to continue my studies and this adventure to try and accomplish my goals. This scholarship is helping me stay in Spain and do something completely different and live and practice what I am studying. This scholarship makes me even more determined to go out and continue to do my best in and out of class."

-Caroline Sugg, junior at Universidad Antonio de Nebrija, Madrid, Spain



Save The Date

Join WOASF at Harbor Park
for Naval Aviation Night.



June 4, 2016

7:05 pm

Tides vs. Pawtucket Red Sox

Visit our website to purchase
special tickets—\$12—proceeds
benefit WOASF

www.wingsoveramerica.us

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Military Family Appreciation

Aug. 21, 2016

Petco Park, San Diego

Padres vs. Diamondbacks

Discount Tix at www.govx.com

One WOASF Scholar will be
honored at home plate!

Aviation Spouses Basket Bonanza

The Naval Aviation Spouses of Hampton Roads hosted its annual Basket Bonanza in November at the NAS Oceana Officers' Club. Nearly 150 people attended and all proceeds benefitted WOASF. A wide variety of more than 75 baskets, donated by command spouse groups and other supporters of WOASF, included Health and Fitness, Cooking, Entertainment, Travel, and Pampering. Our auctioneer, T-Rex Prescott, kept the fun and bidding going. The evening was a wonderful opportunity for the Naval Aviation community (from all wing types) to socialize. Look for the auction to return to the winter months in 2017.

WOASF invites any group to hold an event to benefit the foundation. We are grateful for the various groups throughout the country who support our mission to provide scholarships to our aviation community dependents.



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Educating Our Dependents on Post-Secondary Education

In the words of my mother, "Things aren't what they used to be." That statement certainly applies to the college process. Not only is it paramount to have a post-secondary education, but preparing to attend college is more complicated than ever before. WOASF makes presentations around the country to high schools and even middle schools (yes it all begins there) about how to prepare for college and potential scholarship applications. We have been invited to speak at Coronado H.S. in California, throughout the Virginia Beach Public School system, NAS PAX River, NAS Jacksonville and NAS Oceana. Topics include Coursework and Curriculum, Resume Building, maximizing your Military Benefits and of course, Funding a College Education. We also work closely with the Virginia Tidewater Consortium on Higher Education and present at their monthly briefings and we are the featured presenter at the Hampton Roads Scholarship Fair. We will once again be at the Tailhook Reunion, Sept. 8-10, to answer questions and provide a brief to attendees. If your command or group would be interested in a brief, just contact our office.

Can't get to a brief? Visit our Blog—[Tuesday's Tips](#) on our website. Most of the information can be found there. Visit each week for a new tip.

\$20 Bucks a Month Challenge



What would you do with an extra \$20 per month? See a movie, get Starbucks for a week? It would be nice, but would it change your life?

If you donated \$20 per month to WOASF, we would be able to award several more scholarships to very deserving students. If 10+ people signed up for the challenge, that would be one new scholarship, 20+ would be two more, 50+ would be five more.

Twenty dollars might not change your life but it can change the life of one of our Navy Dependents.

Won't you join us in pledging \$20 per month? It's easy, just sign up for a recurring donation on the donation [page](#) on our website.

\$\$ Top 10 Ways to Support WOASF \$\$

10. **Volunteer** - you are our most valuable resource
9. **Attend** an event to support WOASF
8. **Host** an event to support WOASF
7. **Shop** through **Amazon Smiles** on our website
6. **Be a Sponsor** of a WOASF Event
5. **Donate online**— at www.wingsoveramerica.us
4. **Celebrate with Us** – celebrate a milestone, birthday, anniversary, retirement or change of command with a named scholarship
3. **Mail** a check today—see address below.
2. **Matching Gift** – see our website for a list of known companies that match donations or visit your Human Resources Office
1. **Planned Giving**—include WOASF in your estate plans

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WOASF -Scholarship Growth Continues!

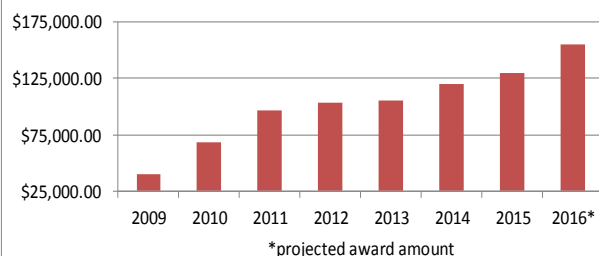
Obviously, the “S” in our name stands for scholarships and we are pleased to report that our scholarship program is growing again this year, in many different directions. First, our number of applications has increased 33% this year. Is that due to better publicity about the scholarship or more need for college money? We're not sure, but we are happy more students are applying.

Second, we are increasing our scholarships this year up from \$2500 to \$3000 (that's 100% more than in 2010!) We are also adding five more renewable scholarships for our dependents. Renewable scholarships give piece of mind to our students, knowing that they will be funded for (up to) four years of their education, and they can make more informed choices as they select their college, major or even internships.

Third, WOASF continues to add more partners in our administered scholarship program which now includes: The Maritime Patrol Association, VAW/VRC Merit Scholarship Program, USS Nimitz, USS Harry S. Truman, USS Abraham Lincoln, USS Theodore Roosevelt and USS Carl Vinson. Next year we will be adding the USS Gerald R. Ford! These partnerships make it easier for our Navy families to apply for scholarships. One application may yield several scholarships, saving our dependents time and money (in transcript fees). If your command or organization has a scholarship program and would like to discuss administration by WOASF, we would love to chat! Remember, it's all about making education easier for our Navy families.

We have an extraordinary group of applicants this year and selection will be difficult. Thank you to all of our donors and event attendees for your support. The students we serve thank you and we thank you for helping us to grow the foundation, year after year.

**Total amount of WOASF scholarships
awarded**





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Our Mission

Our mission is to provide college scholarships to dependent children and spouses of all US Navy personnel- officer and enlisted - active duty, retired, honorably discharged or deceased who served within Naval Air Forces. Recipients are selected on the basis of scholastic merit, community service, extra-curricular activities and character.

Wings Over America annually sponsors fifty scholarships to students who have chosen to continue their education. The foundation is funded solely through the generous contributions of private and corporate sources, and has proudly awarded over \$1,000,000 to outstanding students since 1987.

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2016 CALENDAR NOTES

April 29—Oklahoma City Golf
Tinker AFB Golf Course

MAY 27—All Aviation Golf - NAS
Oceana Aeropines Golf Course

JUNE 4 —Tides Night
Harbor Park, Virginia Beach

Sept, 30—PAX River Golf - NAS
PAX River Cedar Point Golf Course