

Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

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Year: Freshman

Major: Environmental Science

Activities:

- ❖ National Honor Society
- ❖ Spanish Honor Society
- ❖ Volunteer: Philadelphia & Harrisonburg Mission Trips, Food Pantry, Vacation Bible School-Crew Leader
- ❖ Year-Round Employment: Ye Old Towne Café



On the weekend of Easter, I went home to see my family. My mom and I had a great conversation on the way back and my dog sat on my lap all the way home. I opened the door when I got home and received a bear hug from my dad, who presented me with a letter that he had already opened, he could not wait to know. I opened the letter and it told me that my hard work had not gone unnoticed. I had received the Maritime Patrol Association scholarship and I literally threw my hands up in the air and screamed. My life has not been easy, and I was a junior and senior when everything came to a head. Those two high school years are critical for college acceptances and scholarships. Every day of those years felt like I was climbing Everest and every night I would fall back to the bottom. Receiving this scholarship was a reminder that in spite of all that, I did well, and the enormous amount of effort I put into just living my life was not wasted.