



VADM Michael and Janet Malone & Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

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I was born into Naval Aviation, coming into the world while my dad was a young pilot. The only life my family and I have known is one involving wings of gold! I am proud of my father's service in the Navy and thankful for every opportunity his service and Naval Aviation has provided my family and I along the way. Being the recipient of the Maritime Patrol Association scholarship is both humbling and an honor because it represents what we know and love. This is also a blessing to my family as it is an immense way of saying thank you to my parents for supporting me for all these years. I will be attending Florida State University in the fall and majoring in Biology. I hope to fulfill my dream of becoming a marine biologist one day, and this scholarship is an enormous step in helping me make it a reality.