



## Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Eliana Durkee

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Sponsor: CAPT Bryan Durkee

College: Duke University

2024-2025: Senior

Major: Mechanical Engineering with minor in Math

### Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Duke Engineering Student Government, Executive Vice President (2023), President (2024)
- Admissions Office Tour Guide
- Experiential Orientation Leader Duke's Project Arts
- Krzyzewskiville Tent Captain
- @DukeStudents Twitter Editor
- Columbia Baptist Food Pantry Volunteer

- Private Math Tutor



Receiving a Maritime Patrol Association scholarship means another year of learning and doing more than I previously thought possible. Receiving this scholarship in the past has allowed me to focus more on studying and exploring all that Duke makes available to me, and worry less about finances. While at college so far, I have expanded my mechanical engineering skill set, and created a myriad of products ranging from Rube Goldberg machines and solar panel mounts to fatigue testing machines and smart toys. Outside of my engineering interests, I have been busy as an admissions tour guide, teaching assistant for introductory courses, club field hockey player, and avid Duke Basketball fan. During my summers, I have given back to the military community via internships at Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock and Systems Planning and Analysis, Inc, working on things like warship designs and radar systems. The MPA's support has made it possible for me to spend time curating skills I can use to give back to the Naval community as an engineer at these companies and organizations. Growing up in the military, I always felt supported by my Navy family, being encouraged by family and friends in every corner of the world. It has been a privilege to know they are still supporting me throughout my collegiate journey emotionally and financially.