

Boeing Scholar

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Major: Business Administration

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Activities:

- Hostess at the USC Faculty Club
- USC Athletics Marketing Team
- Treasurer for PAWS (Providing Animals with Shelter) Club
- Volunteer at Westside German Shepherd Rescue
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University Affairs Board Member
- USC Joint Educational Program
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When I first received a Wings Over America Scholarship during my senior year of high school, I never anticipated the incredible community I would become a part of. From the “Scholars of the Week” to hearing the accomplishments of amazing students at the yearly banquets, each occasion to witness this talented group of Wings Over America Scholars has inspired me to reach farther than I ever thought possible. One of my favorite memories with Wings Over America comes from last year’s reception in Virginia Beach. At the reception, Admiral Bill Gortney spoke and offered the scholarship recipients some of his wisdom. “Life is a marathon, not a sprint,” he declared and the whole crowd began to smile in familiarity with the phrase. For me, this moment perfectly summarizes what receiving a scholarship award from Wings Over America means to me. It means standing on the shoulders of those before me, learning from their triumphs and failures, and seeking to earn my place alongside some of the most accomplished and admirable people in the world. It means doing my part to ensure these lessons are passed down and treasured by people to come. Therefore, I am proud to say I am part of this spectacular community and look forward to fostering the relationships I’ve made through this generous organization for the rest of my life.