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Extracurricular & Community-Service Highlights:



Thank you so much to Wings Over America! To the board, administrators and generous sponsors and donors, please know that this wonderful scholarship is a lifeline to me and my family. It helps to keep my educational dreams at Duke University alive while also motivating me to do my absolute best in my studies. This spring I conducted by studies at the University of Southern California at part of the “Duke in LA” program. I also had the great experience of interning for the movie production company, Vertiago Entertainment. None of this would have happened without the generous help from WOASF. The Naval Aviation community has been a significant part of my upbringing. Growing up I saw firsthand the camaraderie between my father and his squadron mates, the larger than life personalities, the hilarious banter, the dedication to their county and the undeniable bonds between them all. They would do anything for each other. It is very humbling that the Naval Aviation community continues to be a stalwart source of support for my family to this day. Thanks again to WOASF and the Wingman Foundation and my sincere congratulations to the other awardees. I am honored and proud to be in our company!