

# *First Command & VAW/VRC Merit Scholar*

## **Carl Reed**

Virginia Beach, VA

Ocean Lakes High School

James Madison University

Major: Finance

### Activities:

- Varsity Swim & Dive Team, Captain (11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Cross Country and Track Team, Captain (11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>)
- DECA, Vice President (11<sup>th</sup>), President (12<sup>th</sup>)
- National Honor Society
- Volunteer: Young Life Capernaum, Oakton Swim Buddy
- Summer Employment: Mosbey Woods Pool Assistant Swim Coach, NV Pools Lifeguard
- Year-Round Employment: Virginia Beach Recreation Center, Water Polo Coach, Washington Capitals Sales Internship



The Wings over America Scholarship is my Willy Wonka's golden ticket. I am the oldest of seven children in my family. I've moved eight times during my father's on-going active duty career. I've experienced six long and extended deployments and seven work-up cycles. I now can ship out on my own and pursue my dreams of working with others in the field of finance at James Madison University. This scholarship gives me the independence to continue my drive for excellence in all things with freedom from excessive college debt. This freedom allows me to be myself, develop my strengths, and to aggressively attack my education with no fear. I am very grateful for the trust and opportunity that the scholarship provides for me and my family as I grow to be a contributing citizen of our great country. Thank you very much.