

First Command & USS Gerald R. Ford Scholar

Connor Penny

Virginia Beach, VA

Ocean Lakes High School

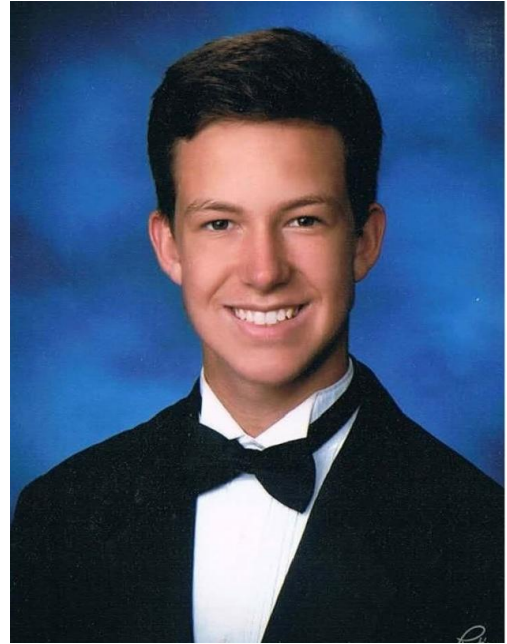
High School GPA: 4.46

Duke University

Major: Electrical Engineering and
Economics

Activities:

- JV & Varsity Football
- JV and Varsity Lacrosse
- Student Cooperative Association, VP and Executive Board
- National Honor Society
- Volunteer: Operation Smile Club, Leadership Workshop staff, Global Leadership Adventure Service Trip to Dominican Republic
- Summer Employment: Organic Transit



This scholarship will greatly reduce the financial burden college puts on my parents. I was accepted into Duke University and despite the high tuition rates my parents encouraged me to accept this admission. This scholarship will go a long way in paying for the remaining tuition, thus opening many doors for me academically. First, my parents will be able to more easily fund graduate school which I plan to attend to master my chosen engineering field. In addition, it will be easier for me to study abroad, an experience that would enhance my global perspective by educating me on cultures different from my own. With this new knowledge, especially of developing countries, I will then be able to fulfill my ultimate goal of improving quality of life for these people.