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WOASF Scholars—You gave us a bright future!



Sisters, Alexis and Cyndi Wibe, while students at Bridgewater College.

Many of you have seen our Foundation video featuring (at the time) present and former scholars talking about how the foundation and their scholarship affected their lives. Two of the scholars were sisters Alexis and Cynthia Wibe. They both attended Bridgewater College and remarked how the scholarship enabled them to attend the school of their choice, not just the one they could afford. At the end of the video, Cyndi remarked that she wasn't even sure if she would succeed in college while filling out college applications, but winning the WOASF scholarship gave her faith in herself. Alexis then chimed in that Cyndi did succeed in college, in fact she never missed making the Dean's list. These are the stories we love to hear. Here's what they had to share about their lives since graduation:

"I graduated with a bachelor of science degree in biology from Bridgewater College in 2014. I have an extensive background with working in a laboratory atmosphere that includes product, environmental, and various other samples. Currently I work in Virginia Beach as a Quality Assurance Specialist with Smucker's. I play a vital role in gathering data through experiments and help develop sanitary and laboratory procedures."

- *Alexis McMinn*



Alexis with her husband, Don

"As a college student, I was highly involved in campus life. Freshman year I joined an on campus event-planning group. Each weekend for the next four years a group of students and I would put on events for students. When I was not planning events, I would be writing for the school newspaper and participating with internships. I participated in an event scheduling internship, a broadcasting internship, a production internship, and a design internship.

After college, I was able to find a job with a kitchen design firm. While I am still pursuing a career in journalism, my family keeps me busy. A good amount of our time is spent traveling to Italy to see family. I hope to start a blog on how to travel long distances with a young child. My son is now accustomed to traveling over seas. I hope to help other families find ease in traveling with young children."—*Cyndi Dattolo*

The last things the girls say in the video is "You gave us a future, a very bright future." We couldn't agree more!



The Dattolo Family

My relationship with Wings Over America goes back to 2001, when I innocently volunteered to help read scholarship applications with Janet Malone. It was still Wings Over the Atlantic back then. I continued as a scholarship and golf volunteer while moving from coast to coast until 2009, when I was asked to come on as an employee.

Since then we have experienced some tremendous growth for the foundation, not only in the number of awards we give, the dollar amount awarded or the scholarship partners we have brought on, but also in the scope of services we provide. Our office often provides informational briefs which included; military educational benefits (Post 9/11 GI Bill, Yellow Ribbon, requirements for instate tuition, etc.), the impact of the Interstate Compact on students, free educational tools (Tutor.com) and more. WOASF has become more than just a group that writes scholarship checks. We are a resource for our families and that is something of which I am very proud.



With Roger McTighe, our most faithful SD golf participant!

incredible navy spouses, but also our active duty, retired and those who work in industry supporting our community both on the ground and in the air. I've attended ships' commissioning and changes of commands as the representative of WOASF and have been



With our beloved Hullabahoos.

Next to raising my own children, being the Executive Director for WOASF has brought me the greatest joy and sense of accomplishment. While much of my departure accolades have highlighted what I have done for the foundation, let me tell you what *the foundation has done for me*. It has given me the opportunity to use the leadership skills I had and develop so many more. I was able to express my passion for the education of our dependents and how our

navy families can make the most of their military resources and benefits. I have had the opportunity to work with amazing people; mostly other active duty, retired and those who work in industry supporting our community both on the ground and in the air. I've attended ships' commissioning and changes of commands as the representative of WOASF and have been in awe of the people who run our navy day after day, from the four-star admiral to the seaman recruit. I have seen small sparks of an idea turned into record setting fundraising events and have seen volunteers develop and hone their skills to return to the workforce better than when they left it. But most of all, I have been a part of helping hundreds of navy families attain a higher education and that has been worth all the effort. When I get stopped by a parent and thanked for what WE have done for their child and family, I experience the most heartwarming fulfillment. Now it is my turn to thank YOU – the volunteers, board members, past presidents, donors, scholars and families for giving me the absolute best job in the world and supporting my vision for the foundation.



With Emma Holmes, one of our first renewable scholarship winners.



With my partner in crime, Melissa Garrison, our scholarship administrator.

We've joked in the past that when I come aboard ship, it could be announced "Wings Over America, arriving." Of course, that was always said in jest, but like every good squadron or ship, there is always someone ready to take command and lead. We are fortunate to have a great relief in the *wings* (pun intended), and I know WOASF will continue to prosper and keep making a difference in the lives of our navy families. Please continue the great support you have given me and help usher WOASF to its next chapter.

All the Best,
Christine

Letter from the President

There is a big transition occurring inside the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation. Our long time Executive Director, Christine Wilson, is leaving us at the end of November to move to Northern Virginia, closer to her family. Christine's impact during her nine years with us cannot be overstated. She has been the driving force behind our fund raising effort that has allowed our foundation to increase our scholarship awards over 500% since 2009. In my short time as Chairman, I can report that she is a delight to work with, and she will be missed.

Thank you, Christine, for all you have done.

At the same time, we welcome our new Executive Director, Andrea Diamond. She is experienced with nonprofit management having just come from the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation. We look forward to working with Andrea and listening to her ideas on advancing the goals of WOASF.

The new scholarship application season has started, and we look forward to another banner year with your generous help. We are always grateful to our corporate sponsors, but our individual donors really make the foundation successful, and we truly appreciate your patronage.

There are many ways to give. In addition to annual donations please consider a gift as part of your estate planning. More information can be found on page 5 or by contacting our office.

My best wishes to you and your families as we approach the end of the year and the upcoming Holiday Season.

Rich O'Hanlon

 Leaving your imprint
to benefit future generations

Welcome Aboard

Andrea Diamond is coming aboard as our new Executive Director. Andrea previously worked at Dolphin Scholarship Foundation, so she is no stranger to the work that we do at WOASF. Andrea is also a former high school English teacher and a mother of four current and graduated college students, and is fully aware of the struggles our families face with the high cost of college tuition and the resources available to our dependents. Andrea shares a passion for our mission and brings great new skills in donor development and alumni relations.



“Being awarded a Wings Over America Scholarship and having the support and generosity of others who see potential in me is an incredible honor.”

—Zachary Cushing,
CAPT Neil Kinnear Scholar

WOASF on-line application Available 24/7.

October 1st—Pre-qualification opens

**February 1st—Pre-qualification
deadline**

March 1st—Scholarship deadline

Need help with navigating the college/scholarship process?

Visit our Blog—[Tuesday's Tips](#) on our website.

Visit each week for a new tip.

Have a group that would be interested in the information? Contact our office, scholarship@wingsoveramerica.us, to schedule a brief.

We are happy to share with Commands, FRGs, etc.



\$500 - \$15,000 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AVIATION DEPENDENTS

Our mission is to provide college scholarships to dependent children and spouses of US Navy service members in Naval Aviation-Officer and Enlisted, active duty, retired, or deceased.



The Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation sponsors over 50 scholarships to further the post secondary education of navy dependents from the aviation community. Most scholarships are \$3,800 and some are renewable. Scholarships can be used for **tuition only**. This is for undergraduate work only and Reserve Officer Candidate Programs (full scholarship students including service academies) or any other full scholarship recipients are not eligible. Awards can be used for 4 year colleges, community colleges or trade & technical schools.

Recipients are selected on the basis of scholastic merit, extra-curricular activities and character.

In addition to WOASF scholarships, your application may qualify you for the following administered scholarships:



- * USS George H.W. Bush
- * USS Gerald R. Ford
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"I appreciate the generosity of Wings Over America as the Foundation has inspired me to also give back when I am able to one day. Without the generosity and opportunity from WOASF, I would be forced to take out loans, which is not an ideal way to start off my independent adult life. I am honored to receive the 2018 Wings Over America scholarship."

-Jason Euman

*HII/Newport News Shipbuilding Scholar
 Shenandoah University*



Charitable Giving: Making a Difference

Donating to the causes you care about is a way for you to make a difference. Your gifts to WOASF create opportunities for scholars to reach their goals without the ever-present burden of financial debt. While this is the reason you give, it is still nice to be able to reap the tax benefits. Now with the nearly doubled standard deduction it is more difficult to receive a charitable deduction. We want to share with you some ways to give to WOASF while maximizing deductions.

This is for informational purposes only. WOASF does not intend to provide tax, legal or accounting advice.

Please consult with your tax and estate planning adviser to determine the best strategy for your situation.

Download full brochure [here](#).

Bunching Gifts

Because WOASF has a fiscal year of October 1st through September 30th, donors can support WOASF for two years but make both donations within one calendar (tax) year. By “bunching” your gifts you may be able to receive a charitable deduction.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)

A QCD made directly to WOASF from the IRA custodian will count as part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year, but will not be included in your adjusted gross income.

Gifts of Life Insurance

If you own a life insurance policy that is no longer needed, consider gifting it to WOASF and be eligible to receive a charitable deduction.

Gifts of Stock

Gifting appreciated stock is one of the MOST effective means of tax savings available. Not only are you able to support WOASF, but you also avoid paying capital gains tax and will be able to receive a charitable deduction.

Donor Advised Funds

If you have a donor advised fund (with Fidelity, Vanguard etc.) you can give a large sum to your fund and then make smaller distributions to the charities of your choice. WOASF gladly accepts DAF.

Bequests

By naming WOASF as a beneficiary in your will, you can continue to help naval aviation families receive educational assistance and create a lasting legacy.

\$\$ Top 10 Ways to Support WOASF \$\$

10. **Volunteer** - you are our most valuable resource
9. **Attend** an event to support WOASF
8. **Host** an event to support WOASF
7. **Shop** through **Amazon Smiles** on our website
6. **Be a Sponsor** of a WOASF Event
5. **Donate online**— at www.wingsoveramerica.us
4. **Celebrate with Us** — celebrate a milestone, birthday, anniversary, retirement or change of command with a named scholarship
3. **Mail** a check today—see address below.
2. **Matching Gift** — see our website for a list of known companies that match donations or visit your Human Resources Office
1. **Planned Giving**—include WOASF in your estate plans

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Recurring Donations for Renewable Scholarship

Renewable scholarships make our scholars’ lives easier and more secure. Since they don’t have to re-apply year after year, they are also saving time in completing a new application and the uncertainty of being granted an award. They know that as long as they keep a certain GPA, WOASF will be with them throughout their college years, helping to defray the cost of their tuition.

Recurring donations can do the same for our donors. Setting up a donation is easy with our online form. Just check whether your donation is monthly (a great way to plan for a larger annual donation), quarterly or annually. That’s it! Now you don’t have to worry about “if” you donated or “when”; it’s already done. An added bonus is the ability to give more to WOASF without your wallet noticing. If you normally give \$100 per year, give \$10 a month instead and increase your donation by \$20 without even realizing it. This also helps us plan and know that our donors are with us from month to month and year to year, allowing us to plan for increases in our scholarship awards.

Sign up for a recurring donation on the donation [page](#) on our website.

By helping others, we help ourselves.

Event Roundup

PAX River Golf

We enjoyed the most beautiful day on Cedar Point Golf Course in Pax River for our annual tournament.

We had great support from the local community and several golfers and volunteers (Eileen O’Hanlon and Ann Mikeska) joined us from out of town. Our corporate partners are increasing; thanks to Pratt & Whitney, Rolls-Royce, Lockheed Martin, USNTPS Alumni Assoc., 2 Circle Consulting, First Command Financial, Sabre, GE Aviation and GEICO Military.

Our winners included: First Place – Team Smith, Middle of the Road – Team Rolls Royce, Last in score but first in our hearts— Team Pratt & Whitney.

Individual winners included: Ladies Longest Drive- Heidi Fleming, Men’s Longest Drive- J. Kolterjon and Closest to the Pin- Sean Ritchie. Thanks to all the community merchants who donated items for prizes.



Winners: Jeffrey Smith, Sean Ritchie, Jeffrey Ledonne and Robin East

College A Cappella Concert

The Sandler Center was abuzz with musical energy as we welcomed the George Washington University *Troubadours* and the University of Virginia *Hullbahoos* for our annual College A Cappella Concert. Audience members young and old clapped *with* and *for* the amazing performers. Their joint finale of Bruno Mars’ *Uptown Funk* brought down the house! Thank you to these wonderful college students and Rick Rumble, our lively and humorous emcee, for sharing their talents with us and to our sponsors; USAA, Pratt & Whitney, Lockheed Martin and the Westin for supporting our mission.



The UVA Hullbahoos with honorary members, Carol Driscoll and Liz Nosal.



The Troubadours pose after the show.

Upcoming Events

Don't miss our most anticipated event—[Weekend for Wings](#) in Coronado, CA. Two days of fun events all in support of scholarships for our navy dependents! Don't currently live in the San Diego region? No problem! We can help with lodging. So book your flights now, escape the cold and join us in sunny Coronado!



Weekend for Wings

Concert @ the Club and Auction

Saturday, February 16, 2019
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Online Bidding Available

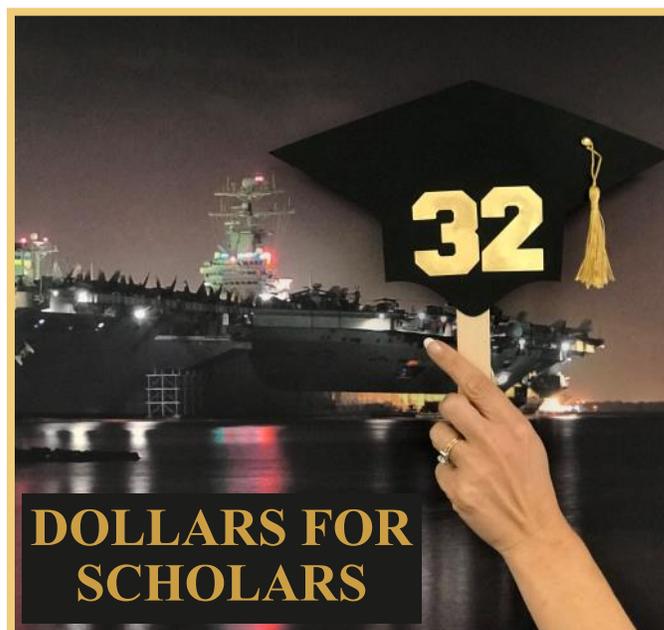
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Golf Tournament

Friday, February 15, 2019
Sea 'N Air Golf Course
NAS North Island
9:00 am Shotgun Start
Entry Fee: \$100 Active Duty
\$140 Civilian

Friday, Feb. 15th
Happy Hour 4:00
1107 Orange Ave.





DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Are you stationed out of state or simply unable to attend but want to participate in the San Diego *Weekend for Wings*? It is easy to support the cause by donating online or registering to be a part of the online auction! Simply go to: <https://WFW2019.givesmart.com>

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April 5, 2019
Virginia Beach Basket
Bonanza



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—Glenda Frierson,
NFCU Scholar
Spelman College





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Our Mission...

is to provide college scholarships to dependents of US Navy personnel in aviation commands.

Recipients are selected on the basis of scholastic merit, extra-curricular activities and character.

WOASF annually sponsors over fifty scholarships to students who have chosen to continue their education. The foundation is funded solely through the generous contributions of private and corporate sources, and has proudly awarded over \$1,600,000 to outstanding students since 1987.

Special Thanks....

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2018-19 CALENDAR NOTES

FEB 1-Pre-qual due

FEB 15 -San Diego Golf
NASNI Sea 'N Air Golf Course, Coronado, CA

FEB 16 -Concert @ the Club & Auction
Island Club, Coronado, CA

MAR 1-Applications due

APR 5 -Basket Bonanza,
NAS Oceana O'Club, Virginia Beach, VA

APR-Oklahoma Golf
TBA

MAY 31-Oceana Golf
NAS Oceana Aeropines Golf Course, Virginia Beach, VA

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