

Tri-Tec Manufacturing Scholar

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Yale University

Year: Junior

Major: Computer Science

Activities:

- Chi Psi Fraternity, VP, Rush Chair
- Yale Rumpus, Editor in Chief
- College Street Investment Club, Founder
- Volunteer: Emergency Room at Sentara Leigh Hospital, Nobody Dies Alone Program, New Haven Soup Kitchen
- Summer Employment: ONEXYS Tutor/Coach, The OPUS Group of Virginia Intern
- Year-Round Employment: Analytical Mechanics Associates, Software Developer, Yale Athletics Department, Contest Worker



I am extremely honored and excited to have received the 2018 Wings over America scholarship. It will be incredibly helpful in reducing the financial burden my family has to endure to put me through Yale. I hope this award can stand as a sort of testament to the sacrifices my family, like every military family, has had to make over the years of their dedicated service. All the long deployments when my mom raised my sisters and me alone were incredibly hard for all of us, but I know that we would each say the hardship was worth it so that my father could serve in the United States Navy. Winning this scholarship has reminded me how thankful I am for the US military and the tight community around it. The Aviation community supported us then and continues to this day with this generous scholarship from the WOASF. This scholarship will allow me to work fewer hours during my academic year and focus more on achieving success in the classroom. I'd like to thank the WOASF and all the generous donors for selecting me for this award – it's an incredible honor to receive. I will be forever grateful and look forward to the day I can pay it forward.