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Congratulations to our 2021 Scholars!



A new academic year has arrived! As students go back to school, and we begin the business at hand, we at WOASF reflect on the year and celebrate the 2021 scholarship recipients.

The Foundation began this scholarship season with continued isolation as well as a challenge to increase scholarship awards once again to better serve Navy families who make sacrifices every day in support of Navy aviation. The uncertainty ahead was daunting, but the knowledge that when we come together as one, we can do great things prevailed.

I am pleased to say through the continued generosity of our corporate partners and WOASF supporters, the foundation awarded 74 deserving students with 87 scholarships providing \$296,000 in financial assistance. That's more students and more funding than ever before in our history. Thank You!

While the world stopped for over a year, the need didn't. The difficulties we faced certainly did not stop students from applying for scholarships. This year 150 completed applications were submitted from students nationwide and overseas. From those applicants, 50 students were selected to receive WOASF awards—13 of whom also received Administered Scholarships. An additional 24 students were selected to receive awards from our administered scholarship partners.

Through the hard work of the Scholarship Committee, WOASF met our changing world with modifications to our application. With many institutions no longer requiring SAT/ACT scores, WOASF followed suit. Additionally, due to varied state COVID-19 guidelines, many students were unable to participate in extracurricular activities. WOASF responded by increasing the weight of the application essays. This year more than any other, the scholarship recipients' written responses set them apart from the group. Their creative, thoughtful views of the world around them and how they navigate it stood out from the rest.

We once again find ourselves uncertain of what the year will hold, but the mission continues as does our upward path. In our final climb, WOASF will increase the scholarship award amount once again to \$5,000 each. We are focused on our mission to honor the service of Navy aviation families through educational scholarships.

2021 Scholarship Recipients

College Students

Aaron Aanestad

Annandale, VA
Washington University in St. Louis
USS Enterprise Scholar

Daniel Bannon

Virginia Beach, VA
University of Notre Dame
First Command Educational Foundation Scholar

Kristina Boone*

Norfolk, VA
Virginia Commonwealth University
Turk Green Memorial Scholar

Andrew Califano*

Norfolk, VA
University of Virginia
Ross & Deidre Myers Scholar

Zach Deal

Virginia Beach, VA
University of Notre Dame
TWF LT Matthew "11" Lowe Memorial Scholar

Avery Dozier

Coronado, CA
University of California-Santa Barbara
Padres Foundation Scholar

Jordan Estes*

Virginia Beach, VA
Baylor University
WOASF Volunteers East Scholar

Joshua Faggert*

Virginia Beach, VA
University of Virginia
President George H.W. Bush Memorial Scholar

Sarah Grosse

LaPlace, LA
Southeast Missouri State University
WOASF Scholar

Anna Janke

Annapolis, MD
Queens University of Charlotte
Navy Federal Credit Union Scholar

Sean Jolly

Virginia Beach, VA
University of Virginia
The Boeing Company Scholar

Brendan Kenny

Fleming Island, FL
University of Central Florida
PCU John F. Kennedy CVN-79 Scholar

Katherine Larratt

Coronado, CA
UCLA
VADM Jim and Kathie Zortman Scholar

Nicole LeBlanc

Osaka, Japan
Case Western Reserve University
WOASF Scholar

Nicole Maida

Oklahoma City, OK
University of Central Oklahoma
TWF LT Steven Combs Memorial Scholar

Jillian Martin

Norfolk, VA
Old Dominion University
TWF AOAA Bryan Grosso Memorial Scholar

Alexander McGrath

Severna Park, MD
Yale University
Pratt & Whitney Scholar

Connor Murphy

Chesapeake, VA
Virginia Polytechnic
CAPT Neil Kinnear Scholar

Grace Reilein

Auburn, AL
Auburn University
Veteran's United Foundation Scholar

Zach Reinert

Aledo, TX
Texas A&M University
TWF LCDR Landon Jones Memorial Scholar

Charles Thoroman

Coronado, CA
Whittier College
Tailhook Scholar

Mackenzie Wakefield

Anacortes, WA
University of Nevada
Tri-Tec Manufacturing Scholar

Cooper Wilson

Coronado, CA
Fordham University
TWF AWS1 Jonathan Clement Memorial Scholar

Spouse Students

Ann DeYoung

Hedgesville, WV
Blue Ridge Community and Technical College
Society of Sponsors of the US Navy Scholar

Kari McMurray

Virginia Beach, VA
Old Dominion University & Tidewater Community College
John and Karen Griffing Scholar

High School Students

Andrew Albus

Chesapeake, VA
Liberty University
VADM "Sweet Pea" Allen Memorial Scholar

Michael Corney

Warrington, PA
LaSalle University
Northrop Grumman Scholar

Rachel Dodge

Keller, TX
University of Oklahoma
VADM Mike and Peg Shoemaker Scholar

Eliana Durkee

Falls Church, VA
Duke University
CAPT Brad Johansen, USN (Ret.) Scholar

Emma Faciszewski

Poquoson, VA
Christopher Newport University
Lockheed Martin Corporation Scholar

Breana Fay

Chantilly, VA
Oklahoma Christian University
WOASF Scholar

Anna Gardella

Fleming Island, FL
Florida State University
VADM Michael and Janet Malone Scholar

Emily Gardiner

Leonardtown, MD
Duquesne University
Navy Federal Credit Union Scholar

Madison Gray

Arlington, VA
University of California Los Angeles
WOASF Scholar

Cassandra Hansen

Davidsonville, MD
Richard Bland College of William & Mary
TWF LT Nathan "Beefcake" Williams Memorial Scholar

Jessie Hearther

Honolulu, HI
Emerson College
VR-30 "Providers" Scholar

Brice Howe

Virginia Beach, VA
University of Virginia
RADM Jack Godlewski, USN Memorial Scholar

Cole Hudson*

Corpus Christi, TX
Texas A&M University
WOASF Volunteers-West Scholar

Blake Johnson

Norfolk, VA
Duke University
TWF LT Wes Van Dorn Memorial Scholar

Sydney Long

Anacortes, WA
University of Georgia
USAA Scholar

Brenna Meehan

Arlington, VA
University of Virginia
TWF CWO Jonathon Gibson Memorial Scholar

Austin Miranda

Virginia Beach, VA
Auburn University
TWF LCDR Charles "JTACz" Walker Memorial Scholar

Jacob Newlund

Fort Worth, TX
Texas A&M University
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Scholar

Olivia O'Donoghue

Abington, MA
Salve Regina University
GEICO Military Scholar

Justin Orchard-Hays

Virginia Beach, VA
University of Virginia
Pratt & Whitney Scholar

Tyler Pottenburgh

Jacksonville, FL
Florida State University
WOASF Scholar

Abigail Powers

Papillion, NE
Creighton University
Raytheon Technologies Scholar

Mari Pritulsky

New Bern, NC
Saint Mary's College
USAA Scholar

Nicasio Sheils

Coronado, CA
Hawaii Pacific University
WOASF Scholar

Julia Stevenson

Tall Timbers, MD
University of Alabama
Fallen Heroes Memorial Scholar

Carly Vigeant

Virginia Beach, VA
Arizona State University
Diane Brennan Memorial Scholar

Ella Worthy

Coronado, CA
Santa Clara University
Hotline Construction Scholar

*Denotes Renewable Scholarship

Administered Scholarships**Emma Faciszewski**

Poquoson, VA
USS Carl Vinson FRG Scholar

Mari Pritulsky

New Bern, NC
USS Carl Vinson FRG Scholar
VAW/VRG Captain Caffery Scholar

Bailey Kramarik

Williamsburg, VA
USS Gerald R. Ford Scholar
Theodore Roosevelt Assoc. Scholar

Sydney Huff

Glastonbury, CT
USS Nimitz Family Readiness Group Scholar

Aaliyah Graham

Chesapeake, VA
USS Theodore Roosevelt Family Readiness Group Scholar

Sameha Wilbanks

Guam
USS Theodore Roosevelt First Class Petty Officer Association Scholar

Andrew Albus

Chesapeake, VA
Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Eliana Durkee

Falls Church, VA
Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Breana Fay

Chantilly, VA
Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Anna Gardella

Fleming Island, FL
Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Cassandra Hansen

Davidson, MD
Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Jessie Hearther

Honolulu, HI
Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Brendan Kenny

Fleming Island, FL
Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Sydney Long

Anacortes, WA
Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Kallyn Maddox

Bristow, VA
Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Sarah McCarthy

Bow, NH
Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Jacob Newlund

Fort Worth, TX
Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Nathaniel Newlund

Fort Worth, TX
Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Olivia O'Donoghue

Abington, MA
Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Tyler Pottenburg

Jacksonville, FL
Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Arianna Serow

LaVista, NE
Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Nash Euman

Virginia Beach, VA
Theodore Roosevelt Assoc. Scholar

Erin Hardy

Park City, UT
Theodore Roosevelt Assoc. Scholar

Blake Johnson

Norfolk, VA
Theodore Roosevelt Assoc. Scholar

Jillian Martin

Norfolk, VA
Theodore Roosevelt Assoc. Scholar

Adam Beaver

Norfolk, VA
VAW/VRG Lab Realty Scholar

Sarah Carmen

Vienna, VA
VAW/VRG Raymond James Scholar

Sam Cassetta

Hollywood, MD
VA/VRG Greyhawk 620 Scholar

Zach Deal

Virginia Beach, VA
VAW/VRG Northrop Grumman Scholar

Sarah Grosse

LaPlace, LA
VAW/VRG Bear Ace 603 Scholar

Anna Janke

Annapolis, MD
VAW/VRG Lockheed Martin Scholar

Joy Robinson

Madison, AL
VAW/VRG In Memoriam of Captain Jason Chuderewicz Scholar

Lauren Stone

Colorado Springs, CO
VAW/VRG Bluetail 601 Scholar

Kaitlyn Sullivan

Toano, VA
VAW/VRG Password 33 Scholar

Lauren White

Coronado, CA
VAW/VRG Closeout 602 Scholar

"It is one thing to be able to get into the school of your dreams, and it is another to be able to attend the same school. This scholarship is significantly easing the burden of the financial stress that this will place upon me and my family, and we are extremely grateful."—Madison Gray

Updates From Our Scholars

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“Currently I am attending Auburn University, and I participated in a Week of Service. Sponsored by the Honors College, around 100 students were selected to move-in a week early and participate in various service projects around the city, including revitalizing the personal home of an elderly lady and gardening at a Nature Preserve. Through these various service projects, the Honors College students at Auburn University could effectively bring life to the community and make the city of Auburn better as a whole.”

—Austin Miranda, Auburn University

“I’m starting this semester as the Vice President of the ODU Women’s Rugby team meaning that this week is already full of planning for this new season. Also, I have been accepted into Old Dominion’s Symphony Orchestra! My schedule has become a lot busier than I expected, but I’m so excited for all the opportunities this fall holds. Through ODU, I’ve become a research apprentice at Eastern Virginia Medical School so this is the week that I finally met the doctor I will be studying under.



None of this would be possible without the generosity of the Wings Over America Foundation and your donors. Thank you.”

—Jillian Martin, Old Dominion University

“I am extremely grateful to the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation team for selecting me to receive this generous scholarship award. Receiving this award is symbolic of the overwhelming support the foundation, its members, and donors provide to the military community. It is humbling to be chosen by such a honorable organization and to receive validation for all the hard work and dedication I put in my high school career. The award provides me the opportunity to attend Santa Clara University (GO BRONCOS) and pursue my chosen college experience. I want to thank the foundation for your support to our military and for acknowledging the sacrifice of our military members and their families.”

—Ella Worthly, Santa Clara University



Congratulations Graduates!

Peyton Butler, *Old Dominion University*
 Christopher Cruz, *Duke University*
 Emma Dodsworth, *Washington College*
 Rose Galetti, *William Jewell College*
 Jason Euman, *Shenandoah University*
 Rachel Hardison, *University of Virginia*
 William Herbst, *Duke University*
 Jacob Olson, *Case Western Reserve University*

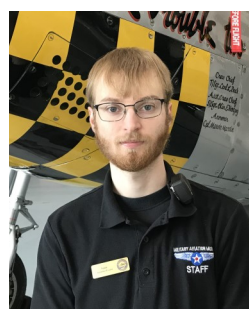


“Wow - Life has moved pretty fast the last two months! My days are now spent playing volleyball for the OC Eagles, studying in the university’s Health Sciences/Pre-Medicine program, and participating in extra-curricular activities like the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Best of all, I am able to do all this with a great, brand new group of friends. While I do miss my family very much, I am very grateful for this wonderful opportunity to study, learn, and grow at Oklahoma Christian University.

I truly appreciate all the financial support & encouragement provided by the Wings Over America Foundation and the Maritime Patrol Association. I hope that someday I will be able to bestow this same generosity on students in the future.

Thank you, again.”

—Breana Fay, Oklahoma Christian University



“Normalcy. It’s a word that I have been looking forward to over the past two years. Colleges still have some restrictions, but for the most part, everything is starting to get back to normal. In-person classes, football games, and the energy of college are finally here again. For many, myself included, this year feels like the first real year of college, and it has taken some getting used to. Although there have been many new stresses pressed on students

with in-person learning, luckily the cost of college isn’t one of them for me. Thanks in part to the generosity of the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation and its donors, I am able to focus more time on increasing my knowledge and understanding of the material presented. Go Hoos!”

—Sean Jolly, University of Virginia



“I am so grateful to be here at Southeast; it really is a hidden gem! I’ve made so many friends, the community is so supportive, and theatre facilities here are fantastic. I’m loving every minute of it! My parents will be coming next week to see the show.

My family are all safe since they evacuated here to Missouri for Ida, but our house received quite a lot of damage from the wind and rain. It is a slow process trying to gut all the damage and salvage what we can. I am actually hoping to put together a benefit cabaret here at school to raise funds for other storm victims in LaPlace!

I am very excited for what this year will bring, and I am so happy to be here, especially since I have the support of you and everyone at WOASF! It makes me feel so special that y’all are rooting for me. Have a wonderful rest of your year!! :)”

—Sarah Grosse, Southeast Missouri State University

Letter from the Chairman

Dear Sponsors and Friends of Wings,

It is my sincere hope that our newsletter finds you and your families in good health. While we are certainly in a better place than we were this time last year, with vaccines available and in many places fewer restrictions on our activities, the spread of the COVID 19 Delta variant remains a significant concern.

Despite the challenges presented by COVID, our 2021 scholarship season was a resounding success. We achieved our 2021 goal of increasing our total awards above the 2020 level, presenting scholarships totaling \$296,000 to 74 deserving candidates. Unlike 2020, we were able to hold an in-person East Coast Awards Luncheon in June where I had the pleasure of meeting several of our winners in person. I continue to be amazed by the quality of the young men and women who are applying and winning. I encourage you to visit www.WingsOverAmerica.us and read some of the biographies of our recipients. They are simply an eye-watering group and being a part of what helps them further their education is what Wings is all about.

As we enter our 2022 scholarship season, we remain focused on the challenges that lie ahead. After adjusting on the fly to conduct almost all our 2021 activities virtually, we hope that 2022 will present opportunities for more "normal" in-person activities around Weekend for Wings East and West, our golf tournaments in Virginia Beach, Coronado and Pax River and other fund-raising activities critical to meeting our scholarship goals. There is nothing that really takes the place of in-person interaction and these activities also afford me the opportunity to personally thank many of you who are so generous with your support.

That said, hope is not a strategy, and COVID or no COVID, the need does not go away. For that reason, we will be flexible as we move into the 2022 season. I am confident that Andrea and the remainder of our staff and volunteers are ready to apply our lessons learned from 2021.

Thank you again for all you do for Wings, and for your contributions in the coming year. Please keep yourselves and your families safe and healthy.

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Coming and Going!

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It has been quite a year for WOASF and with it brought new team members.

Welcome aboard—**Raymond Kemp**, our newest director. With over 30 years of service in the US Navy, Raymond is a highly experienced Senior Executive in Leadership and Human Resources. We are ready for his help moving the Foundation to the next level as we extend our reach to all Navy aviation families.

We are so pleased to also welcome **Chip Miller**. Chip, currently Corporate Vice President Customer Affairs at Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc., is no stranger to WOASF. He and his wife, Ellen have been great supporters over the years. We are excited to have him on the board bringing with him great energy...and Ellen.

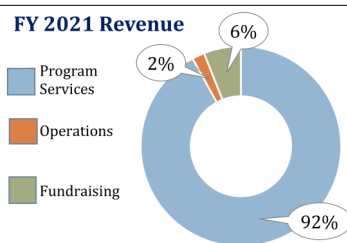
Welcome **Brooke Miles**. From WOASF volunteer to our new Admin/Events Assistant, we could not be happier to have her on the team.

We say goodbye to **Billy Hart** who, with his wife Maureen, has been instrumental in the growth of our fundraising efforts in Coronado, CA. I am grateful for his guidance and leadership that has prepared us for continued success on the west coast. We cannot thank him enough for his commitment to WOASF.

Fiscal Check-up

It has been a banner year for WOASF! We have given out more scholarships for more money than ever before, bringing our total giving to \$2,300,000 in Scholarships! None of that would have been possible without your financial support. Your generosity and participation in our events enabled us to award over \$296,000 in scholarships to this year.

When you give to WOASF you are making a wise investment. 92 cents out of every dollar donated goes to Programs Services; Scholarships. By volunteering for events, you help us keep our staff small and spending down, so more of your donation goes to those we serve.

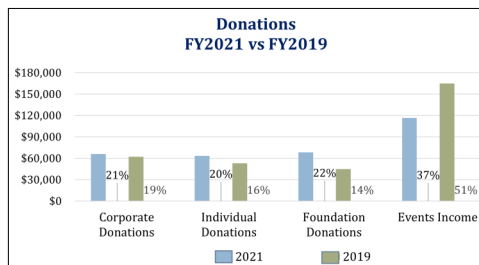


Our on-going goal is to increase individual giving, as it is the best way to ensure sustainability for the foundation. After the last 18 months we've learned that fundraising events can be taken away at a moment's notice.

Studies show that 80% of charitable giving comes from individual donors. Over the last two years

individual donations have increased thanks to your generosity during this difficult time. While we still have quite a ways to go, in time we WILL reach that goal of 80%, and what a day that will be! Imagine how many more Navy families we'll be able to help. Your passion and commitment to the Navy aviation community is creating a Foundation that will be here for generations.

With your help, we'll reach our goal of increasing scholarships making an even greater impact on the ever-rising cost of tuition. Every dollar you give, makes a tremendous difference to our scholars and their families. Thank You!



Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation

World Wide Day of Giving!
January 18, 2022

**Celebrate Naval Aviation
and help**

Scholars' Futures Take Flight!

FY2021 Donors. Thank you for your generosity!

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FY2021: October 1, 2020—September 30, 2021

Diamond Level (\$50,000 or More)

Wendell and Doris Rodgers Foundation
VADM & Mrs. Ross Myers, USN

Sapphire Level (\$25,000—\$49,999)

The Wingman Foundation

Ruby Level (\$10,000—\$24,999)

Lockheed Martin
The Boeing Company
Navy Federal Credit Union
USAA
Pratt & Whitney
Hotline Construction
VADM and Mrs. Jim Zortman, USN (Ret.)

Platinum (\$5,000—\$9,999)

2 Circle Consulting, Inc
GEICO MILITARY
Hunting Ingalls/ Newport News Shipbuilding
San Diego Padres Foundation
Tailhook Association/Tailhook Educational Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. John Griffing
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VADM and Mrs. Mike Shoemaker, USN (Ret.)
VADM and Mrs. Denby Starling, USN (Ret.)

Gold (\$2,500—\$4,999)

BAE Systems
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Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Diamond
Mrs. Patricia Godlewski
Mrs. Mary Malone Hess
Mrs. Janet Malone
RADM and Mrs. Rich O'Hanlon, USN (Ret.)
CAPT Bruce and Holly Weber, USN (Ret.)

Silver (\$1000—\$2,499)

AVIAN
Gee's Group/Squirrel Away Storage
North Island Credit Union
USNTPS Alumni Association
W. W. Grainger, Inc.
Mrs. Margaret Allen
Mr. Steve Brennan
RADM and Mrs. Steven Briggs, USN (Ret.)
RDML Rich Butler, USN (Ret.)
RADM & Mrs. Dennis FitzPatrick, USN (Ret.)
Mr. Todd Gautier
Mr. Alan Geiwitz
RADM John and Char Haley, USN (Ret.)
Mr. Russel Larratt
VADM Jim McArthur, USN (Ret.)
VADM and Mrs. Joseph Mobley, USN (Ret.)
CAPT Tom and Donna Phelan, USN (Ret.)
VADM and Mrs. Herm Shelanski, USN (Ret.)
Ken and Colleen Shook
Mr. Ray Stallings
Mr. Doug Williams

Bronze Level (\$50—\$999)

Beach Ford
CAVU International
Coronado Youth Soccer League
DARE Strategies, LLC
Dolphin International
HSC-4 OSC
Koi Zen Cellars
Lemoore Officers' Spouses
Lincoln Military Housing
Moody's Lunch Service
Mulcahy Law Firm
Natalie Falletta Skin Care
Sabre Systems
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Chris Allen
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Ms. Jan Baney
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Kelly Kinsella Boring
Mrs. Tracy Boyle
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Briggs
Dr. Angela Broadaddus
Mrs. Kim Broten
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Browning
Ms. Barbara Butler
Cathi Callahan
Ms. Katherine Cantrell
RADM Bruce Cargill, USN (Ret.)
Ms. Barbara Carns
Maria Carrington
Amy Caruso
Sydney Catoire
Tommy Chambers
Mrs. Amy Chuderewicz
Mr. Craig Clapperton
VADM and Mrs. Ed Clextan, USN (Ret.)
Theresa Cox
Buddy Cummings
Mrs. Sara Cummings
RADM Bryan Cutchen, USN (Ret.)
Mr. William Davis
Mr. Sergi L. Demchuck
Jeff and Erin Dermody
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dixon
Maria Donahou
D. J. Donelson
Daniel T. Doyle
David Dunston
Robert Dynia
CAPT Jim Eilertsen, USN (Ret.)

Tim and Dawn Euman
Ms. Terri Erwin
Erica Evert
Steven Faggert
Garrett Fisher
Mrs. Amanda Foreman
Brian and Melissa Garrison
CAPT Bob Geis, USN (Ret.)
Mr. Tom Gillen
Mr. John Geer
Mr. Benjamin Greenlee
RDML & Mrs. Michael Groothousen, USN (Ret.)
Bob and Martha Gusentine
Rick and Pam Fridley
Mr. William Hanrahan
CAPT & Mrs. Billy Hart, USN (Ret.)
Emily Hauer
Mr. William Hearther
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Hemmer
Mr. Jason Hockran
Paul and Rosemary Hockran
Dr. Katie Hoffman
Logan Hollman
Kristin White Hoppock
Mrs. Karen Hughes
Kelly Hughes Iverson
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Mr. Robert Jones
Suhad Keblawi
Mr. Kevin Keilty
Mr. Andrew Kenny
Mr. Edward J. Kinsella
Kristin Laliberte
Colleen Lally
Bobbi Leclerc
Mr. Rob Leeds
Mr. Al Lovering
Donna Luzzi
Ms. Kathleen A. Malone
Ms. Mary B. Malone
CAPT Charles Marks III, USN (Ret.)
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VADM & Mrs. Chip Miller, USN (Ret.)
Lucretia Miller
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Matthew and Jennifer Norris
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Fred and Grace Parkinson
Katherine M. Polak
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Richard Raymer
Martina Raymer-Boone

Bronze Level Continued

CAPT Rick Rudell, USN (Ret.)
 Mr. Joe Savarese
 Michelle Savarese
 Mrs. Nancy Schrum
 Mr. Michael Schultz
 Mrs. Helen T. Shoemaker
 Mrs. Christina Slentz
 David and Marta Smith
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 USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) FRG
 VAW/VRC Memorial and Merit Scholarship Fund

I hope you and everyone at WOASF are doing well! I wanted to reach out and let you know that I received my Aggie Ring this past Friday. Receiving one's Aggie Ring is one of the richest traditions here at Texas A&M and symbolizes commitment and achievement to one's academics as they surpass 90 hours towards their degree.

I want to share this moment with everyone at WOASF because they have directly enabled me to pursue my education the past three years. I cannot emphasize enough how much it means to me to have a support system like Wings Over America. You all are one of the biggest blessings in my life, and I will continue to share milestones in my education as they come!

*Thanks and Gig 'Em!
 Zach Reinert*

**Memorial and Honorary Gifts**

Education is the gift that lasts a lifetime, and a gift to WOASF given in memory or in honor of a loved one provides a meaningful way to celebrate that loved one while carrying his or her legacy forward to future generations of students.

Your gift can celebrate a milestone or a loved one's successes, express your gratitude for a lasting friendship, pay tribute to someone you've lost or show support for the family of a lost loved one.

It reflects what's important to you in a selfless way making it even more meaningful.

***Thank you for your thoughtful support
 by naming our scholarship program for your
 Memorial and Honorary donations.***

Remembered by Memorial Donations

FY2021

VADM Richard "Sweetpea" Allen, USN
 Mrs. Diane Brennan
 CAPT Robert H. Byng, USN (Ret.)
 LCDR David E. Casher
 AWS1 Jonathan Clement, USN
 LT Steven Combs, USN
 LT Paul R. Fridley, USN
 CWO Jonathan Gibson, USN
 RADM Jack Godlewski, USN
 AOAA Bryan Grosso, USN
 CAPT Steve Hazelrigg, USN
 CAPT Alex "Yogi" Hnarakis, USN
 LCDR Landon Jones, USN
 LT Matthew "11" Lowe, USN
 RADM Thomas A. Meinicke, USN (Ret.)
 LT Wes Van Dorn, USN
 LCDR Charles "JTACz" Walker, USN
 LT Nathan "Beefcake" Williams, USN

Honored by Friends & Family

FY2021

Andrea Meinicke Diamond
 The Meinicke Family
 Mike and Peg Shoemaker

Funding a Named Scholarship FY2022

-Each **\$5000** donation to the scholarship fund in one fiscal year may be named for the donor in recognition of their support or recognized as an **Honorary** or **Memorial** scholarship named as the donor desires.

-Each **\$20,000** donation will receive a four-year renewable scholarship. These scholarships may be named for the donor in recognition of their support or recognized as an **Honorary** or **Memorial** scholarship named as the donor desires.

-Donors who wish to create a legacy celebrating or memorializing a loved one may establish an **Endowed Renewable Scholarship** that, for a donation of **\$125,000** (made over a maximum of **5** years), is structured to award a named scholarship for a minimum of 30 years.

WOASF Endowed Renewable Scholarship Program Takes Off! Page 8

In 2019 WOASF began a new endowed scholarship program to build sustainability for the Wings Over America Scholarship Program. The Endowed Renewable Scholarship Program is designed to provide scholarships to generations of children and spouses from the Navy aviation community.

- Donors who wish to create a legacy celebrating or memorializing a loved one or may establish an Endowed Renewable Scholarship that, for a donation of \$125,000, is structured to award a named scholarship for an anticipated minimum of 30 years.
- Donations to an endowed scholarship can be made in any amount and the scholarship will be considered “fully funded” when the account value reaches \$125,000. Donors will have a maximum of **five years** to reach this goal.
- Endowed Renewable Scholarships can be funded not only through traditional donation methods, but also through Donor Advised Funds and Qualifying Charitable Distributions as part of a donor’s Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA to reduce tax burdens.
- To establish the endowment, a donor will notify WOASF of their intent to fund an endowed scholarship. Once notified, the foundation will establish a standalone account to contain the funds and interest accrued. The account will be named as the donor desires.

WOASF will not fundraise for any specific endowed scholarship, but the foundation will advertise all endowed scholarship funds in the WOASF newsletter and on the WOASF website. The endowed scholarship is intended to be renewable but can be modified to award annual scholarships at the specific request of the establishing donor.

Newly Endowed Scholarships

Wendell and Doris Rogers Scholarship



Wendell ‘Windy’ Rogers, founder of ASMCO (Automatic Screw Machine Tool and Supply Company), worked on the family farm, dropped out of school before finishing the 10th grade, and joined the Navy shortly after turning 21. While in the Navy, Windy attended the Ford Naval School near the Ford Rouge Steel plant where he learned about industry, math, and engineering principles. Upon completing his training, Windy was assigned to the USS Swenning, Destroyer Escort (DE 394) and later assigned to one of the Admiralty Islands that was formerly a Japanese base where he set up a machine shop to repair the hardware that secured the guns on the ship decks.

Wendell credited his time in the Navy for determining the course of his life. It is during that time stationed in Detroit that he met and married his beloved wife of 67 years, Doris Mascoe. It is where he discovered desire to resell manufactured parts and machines. After returning from the War, Windy worked for his father-in-law selling equipment and started his own company in 1950. The company grew and changed over the years with Doris by his side helping Windy manage the business of their company.

Having no children of their own, Windy and Doris doted on their nieces and nephews. Throughout their lives they gave back to causes that meant the most to them to include Veterans and their families, at risk youths and children with disabilities.

We are honored and grateful to be part of the Wendell and Doris Rogers legacy through this scholarship. Now fully funded, we look forward to awarding the FIRST *Wendell and Doris Rogers Scholarship* to a deserving student in May of 2022.

Founders Scholarship

The Wings Over America (formerly Wings Over the Atlantic) scholarship was conceived in 1987 by Navy aviation spouses who wanted to give dependents the opportunity to obtain the scholarships they were missing out on by moving frequently. For about half its lifespan the Foundation was run solely by volunteers. Today, we are STILL primarily a volunteer organization.

To pay tribute to the MANY women who conceived and implemented the scholarship program as well as those who solidified the Foundation as a 501(c)(3), WOASF has established the Founders Scholarship. Without the inspiration and dedication of these women, over 1200 Navy dependents since 1987 would not have had the financial assistance they needed to help them forge their educational paths. We are excited to award in May of 2022 the FIRST *Founders Scholarship* to a Navy dependent who has the courage to chase a dream, make a difference and lead the world into the next generation.

LT Paul R. Fridley Memorial Scholarship



On August 31st the Navy aviation community and the entire country, caught its breath as five souls were lost in a helicopter mishap off the coast of San Diego. Among the young men and women who gave their lives in service to country that day, was Lieutenant Paul Fridley.

Paul, from Annandale, VA, was an excellent student but truly found his joy in high school while playing lacrosse and football. He loved being part of a team and the experience of coming together as a group with a common purpose. As a Navy helicopter pilot, Lieutenant Fridley was proud to be a part of the HSC community with HSC-8 Eightballers.

Paul’s parents chose to honor their son and his legacy by establishing the *LT Paul R. Fridley Memorial Scholarship* to provide scholarships to Navy dependents who have chosen to continue their educational journeys. Learn more about Lieutenant Fridley [HERE](#).

(Newly endowed scholarships cont. on page 9)

Ross and Deidre Myers Scholarship

Established in 2020 by Ross and Deidre Myers, this scholarship will leave a legacy reflecting their service and dedication to Navy aviation. Volunteers at WOASF events, ambassadors for the scholarship program and passionate about our mission, Ross and Deidre are an integral part of Wings Over America. Not yet fully-funded, we look forward to honoring these WOASF champions in the near future by awarding the *Ross and Deidre Myers Endowed Scholarship*.

Volunteers Make it Happen!

To say we couldn't do it without our volunteers would be an understatement when in reality we would be lost. As a national organization with a small staff, the Foundation would never be able to reach all we serve without help from our Navy aviation community. Volunteers are VITAL to fulfilling the WOASF mission: To Honor the Service of Navy Aviation Families Through Educational Scholarships.

Our volunteers spend hours of their time organizing our fund-raising events to create fun and profitable golf tournaments and auctions. They serve on the scholarship committee and attend scholarship fairs making sure the great news of our program reaches all Navy aviation personnel. They are our photographers, editors, publicists and connection to the Navy aviation as well as local communities around the globe.

They do all this without ever asking for anything in return. Most of our volunteers don't yet have scholarship eligible children. So why do they do this? To be involved in something bigger than themselves. To make a difference. To make post-secondary education more affordable for students who are heading into their futures.

My gratitude reaches no bounds. I feel lucky to know such men and women and look forward to a fantastic year ahead.



"This year, the Wings Over America 2021 scholarship is giving me the opportunity to return to a campus that fully supports in-person classes and works with their students to receive the best possible education considering the pandemic. It has given me the ability to maintain some semblance of normalcy in an otherwise chaotic time filled with uncertainty. Additionally, I can continue my academic path in the Baylor Honors College while studying on the Pre-Med track. I am extremely thankful and blessed for this honor as I look to continue working hard in hopes to pay it forward in the future." —Jordan Estes, WOASF Volunteers, East Scholar



We're looking for new faces to join the team!

From planning and working events to assisting with WOASF business, we welcome volunteers from coast to coast and in between. Become a part of the volunteer legacy of WOASF. You absolutely have a skill we need.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Weekend for Wings-Coronado
Weekend for Wings East-Virginia
PAX River Golf Tournament
WOASF Ambassadors

To Volunteer or learn more about opportunities, contact Andrea Diamond at a.diamond@wingsoveramerica.us

A Year of Golf!

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While our Weekend for Wings Annual Auctions in both Coronado and Virginia Beach went virtual, we thankfully were still able to have our golf tournaments though a bit modified. With beautiful weather all around, we came together and had three great days of golf!



PAX River 2020 Tournament Winners *Congratulations!*

First: Phil Lindemann, Terence Doyle, Martin Peters, Fred Frederick
Middle: Tom Phelan, Tony Rust, Pete Ulrich, Tom Gurney
Last: Michael Sokoloff, Tim Kuno, Mac MacConnell, Ted Rothman
Closest to the Pin: Rich Slavik
Longest Drive Men: Martin Peters



WFW-East 2021 Tournament Winners *Congratulations!*

First: Marcus Hitchcock, Greg Nosal, Jim McArthur and Joe Murphy
Middle: Fred Lewis, Steve Husak, Andy Dambekalm and Ted Hand
Last: Matthew Stocking, Katherine Butler, Brett Brown, and Ryan King
Closest to the Pin: Richard Hundley
Longest Drive Ladies: Suzanne Compitello
Longest Drive Men: J.T. Alingig
Command Challenge Winners: PCU John F. Kennedy (CVN-79)



WFW 2021 Tournament Winners Congratulations!

First: Cory Mooney, Kirk Myers, Bryan Roundtree, Kyle Sigmon

Middle: David Buss, Dan Cheever, Kenny Whitesell

Last: Annette Hirt, Julie Martin, Chris Sheppard, Debbie Wilson

Closest to the Pin: Dan Nowicki

Longest Drive Ladies: Melia Perry

Longest Drive Men: Bill Subang

Command Challenge Winners: VRC-30 'Providers'



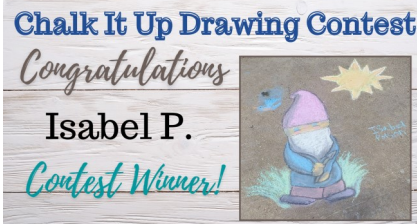
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Chalk It Up To Creativity!

This year we added a new element to our Weekend for Wings to include the whole family in on the fun. Young and less young artists took to the streets and sidewalks to create chalk masterpieces in our FIRST "Chalk it Up" Drawing Contest.

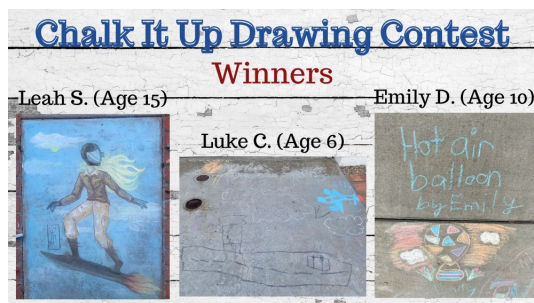
Artists were divided by age groups and the winners from each group received a \$25 gift card to a local business.



In Coronado we had 10 fantastic entries vying for first place in their respective age groups. Winners below!

With just two entries in Va. Beach, one masterpiece (shown above) took the prize.

We look forward to what this year's contests will bring.



Weekend For Wings 2022
Coronado

March 11th & 12th

Weekend For Wings-East 2022
Virginia Beach/Norfolk

May 6th & 7th

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5. **Donate online**— at WingsOverAmerica.us
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"The older and further into college I get, the more and more I come to appreciate the financial burden that pursuing college can be. My gratefulness towards both my parents and the donors supporting my Wings Over America scholarship grows markedly. This scholarship has further inspired my goal of someday giving back to the community that granted me this gracious contribution. This scholarship has been a considerable factor for my motivation to maintain high academic standing and push through unprecedented and novel challenges that students have faced this year. In addition, through all the uncertainty and associated difficulties of recent times, this scholarship and the donors and volunteers helping to support it have served as a constant reminder of the generosity and compassion of people supporting the families of our country's military members. I am profoundly grateful for this scholarship, and I thank all those kindly supporting it." —Andrew Califano

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is to honor the service of Navy aviation families through educational scholarships.

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