

# *LT Matthew “11” Lowe Memorial Scholar*

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Year: Freshman

Major: Chemical Engineering

Minor: Biomolecular

## Activities:

- ❖ Notre Dame Band of the Fighting Irish Marching Band
- ❖ Notre Dame Trumpet Choir
- ❖ Ocean Lakes Marching Band Color Guard
- ❖ Volunteer: Notre Dame Ion Hunger Food Packaging, Veterans Affairs Hospice, St. John the Apostle Altar Server and Baptism Preparation Team
- ❖ Summer Employment: Hunt Club Farm Pony Ride Manager/Animal Caregiver, Chick-Fil-A
- ❖ Year-Round Employment: Jewelry by Sarah LLC



At the University of Notre Dame, I carry a heavy course load and am very involved in the band. Receiving a 2019 Wings Over America Scholarship makes it possible for me to choose a more rigorous course of study while still allowing me to make time to develop my extracurricular interests. The many classes of my engineering undergraduate program prepare me for veterinary school and stimulate, and simultaneously satisfy, my deep curiosity about the subjects I study. The heaviness of my coursework can become quite stressful at times, and at these times my other interests become very important to me. Playing in the band relieves my stress and greatly enhances my social life while allowing me to bring joy into others' lives through music. Additionally, I continue to participate in community service opportunities in the South Bend community. With the financial support of this scholarship, I can give more of my time to serving the community; therefore, by granting me this aid, the scholarship committee is also indirectly granting aid to others in the community through my service. As an involved undergraduate student at Notre Dame, everything revolves around having enough time: is there enough time for me to join a club? Enough time to add this class that interests me? Enough time to give back to my community? Because of this scholarship; however, the answer for me is YES--and that means the world to me and the people around me to whom I can now give my time.