

The Wingman Foundation LT Steven Combs Memorial Scholar

Parker Carlin Uxbridge, MA

Sponsor: CAPT Marvin Carlin

College: Florida State College of Jacksonville

2022-2023: Freshman

Major: Alternative Medicine

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Store
- Varsity Cross Country & Track Team
- Navy Junior ROTC
- Serve International: Community Service Week
- Protestant Women of the Church: Childcare Worker
- Babysitter/Nanny



My early stages of life revolved around nature and even before I knew exactly what the profession was, I knew I wanted to work with plants. More specifically, a Naturopathic Doctor. Of course, it took me many years of watching and working with my grandmother - who often grew and created her own natural remedies for friends and family members - before I figured out that I wanted to be a doctor, I felt a calling towards healthcare that still somehow connected to my love of the natural scientific world. Since then, I've studied much into the subject of alternative medicine outside of my normal academic life. Most of the research was inspired by ailments that myself, friends, and loved ones had and it overall is the reason I desire to become a Naturopath. I figured out a way to connect the most important things about my life into one: the people I love, an ability to heal, and a connection to nature. With this opportunity, I hope to spend my first four years getting an undergraduate in alternative medicine, while building a strong, scientific foundation. This will help me towards my longer-term goal of a graduate degree in Naturopathic Medicine. Overall, everything in my life points back to medicine, nature, and relationships. I am thankful to the spouses and aviators that established this scholarship for the aviation community service members. My goals are clear and every day I feel closer to them due to the generosity of the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation.