



CAPT Brad Johanson Memorial Scholar

Eliana Durkee

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Sponsor: CAPT Brian Durkee

College: Duke University

2023-2024: Junior

Major: Mechanical Engineering with minor in Math and Materials Science certificate

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Duke Club Field Hockey Team
- Duke Admissions Ambassador
- Duke Engineering Club: Vice President
- Duke Student Government: Vice President
- Duke Students Twitter & Medium Editor
- Intern: Integrated Warfare Systems Group



It is an honor to receive a Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation this year. Receiving these scholarships is meaningful to me because it is a continuation of the support, I have received from the military my whole life. Growing-up in a military family has meant that although my immediate environment was often changing, the network of people supporting me was constant and always growing. Adding the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation to this network has been a privilege. The money I have received from these organizations allows me to continue my studies at Duke without stressing over finances. Studying mechanical engineering has been beyond exciting, and I have used my time here to explore a variety of activities. As far as academics, I have taken difficult mechanical, math, and material science courses, participated in research for the math department, and even dabbled in the humanities. During the summers I have had the chance to give back to the military by working at places which develop technology for the Navy such as Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock and Systems Planning and Analysis, Inc.