

VADM Richard "SweetPea" Allen Scholar

Rose Bannon Virginia Beach, VA

Sponsor: CDR Matthew Bannon

College: University of Notre Dame

2023-2024: Freshman

Major: Finance

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Student Cooperative Association (SCA): Co-President, Executive Board, Secretary
- Varsity Field Hockey and Swim & Dive Teams: Captain
- Leadership Workshop: Director & Leadership Staff
- Star of the Sea Children Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
 Group Leader and Liturgical Staff



I am incredibly grateful to receive a 2023 Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation award. This scholarship helps me fund my dream of attending the University of Notre Dame in the fall, and I am very excited to embark on this next chapter of my life. Receiving a WOASF award gives me peace of mind knowing that I can fully jump into my classes and extracurricular opportunities because now my college education's financial burden is reduced.

Through this WOASF scholarship, I am honored to be recognized for my diligence and dedication during high school; however, what makes me feel most proud about this award is that it honors my father, who served our country for 23 years and sacrificed so much along the way to provide for our family. I cannot wait to begin my classes at Notre Dame's Medoza College of Business and to continue pursuing my favorite activities such as intramural sports, leader, and volunteer opportunities. It is comforting to know that I have the backing of WOASF during my journey and I am humbled by the fact that this foundation exists to recognize naval aviation dependents like me. I cannot thank the WOAF donors and staff enough for this support of my dreams and goals.