



VADM Mike and Peg Shoemaker Scholar

Liliana Gamiz

San Antonio, TX

Sponsor: CDR Nicholas Gamiz

College: Virginia Tech

2022-2023: Freshman

Major: Architecture

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Varsity Swim Team: Captain
- Varsity Water Polo Team: Captain
- Youth Group Leader, Redeemer Presbyterian Church
- Taking it to the Streets (Homeless Food Ministry)
- Alamo Area Aquatics Association Swim Coach
- Summer Work: Styleberry Creative Interiors Personal Assistant / design consultant



I am so thankful to be receiving this scholarship because it helps me and my family afford out-of-state tuition at my dream college, Virginia Tech. My dad is a Naval Aviator which meant I had the privilege of moving around many times throughout my life. I had the opportunity to live in Virginia for six years and it really felt like home. It is a place I want to go back to because of the beautiful scenery, seasons, and cities. I have so many fond memories there and have had thoughts of returning at some point in my life. When I discovered Virginia Tech, I knew this was my chance to go back. However, now that I live in Texas, this scholarship will help me pay the out-of-state tuition to attend a Virginia school. It is also a goal of mine, throughout this college process, to graduate with no student debt. It would be amazing to not have to pay off anything once I start my career and have all my first paycheck go straight to me. This is why I am so very grateful for scholarship opportunities, such as WOASF, who support military dependents. Thanks to this scholarship, I am one step closer to heading back to my roots in Virginia and attending my dream college without taking on any student debt. Thank you for the support!