



Theodore Roosevelt Association Scholar

Austin Miranda

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Sponsor: CDR Christopher Miranda

College: Auburn University

2023-2024: Junior

Major: Aerospace Engineering

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Auburn University Swimming Club: Meet Coordinator
- Auburn University Small Satellite Program: MECH team member
- Auburn University Week of Service: Head Counselor
- Virtual Reality Astrodynamics Lab: Undergraduate Researcher
- Auburn University's Office of First Year Experience: Year-Round Counselor



To express my gratitude for this scholarship, I find it most logical to discuss my career goals and my passion for commercial space travel. Although commercial flights to space are extremely expensive and inaccessible to the general public TODAY, I envision a commercial space flight industry taking shape in the next decade or two, which would mirror the airline industry of today. With my degree, I intend to spearhead this innovation, creating spacecraft that make flights into space cheaper, safer, and more accessible to the general public. This scholarship would allow me to continue obtaining the necessary skills for this job as this industry continues to develop over the next couple of years.