

VAW/VRC Merit: Raymond James Scholar

William Cassetta

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Sponsor: CDR Stephen Cassetta

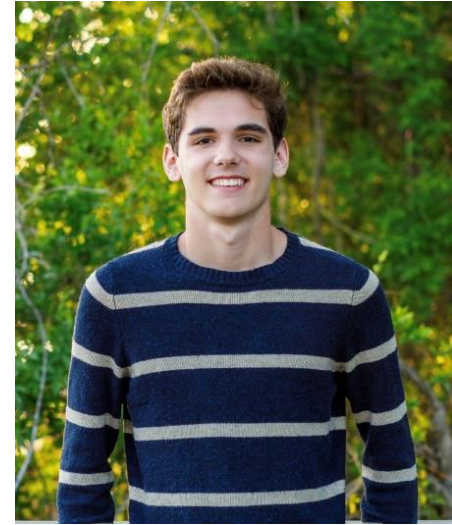
College: University of Vermont

2023-2024: Freshman

Major: Undecided

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- National & Spanish Honor Societies
- Interact Club
- Boys Scouts of America: Patrol Leader
- Maryland Club: President (11th & 12th)
- Year-Round Employment: Lifeguard at the College of Southern Maryland Recs and Parks Pool
- Summer Work: Lifeguard and Pool Operator at Riverside Aquatics Solomons Rec Center



I am honored and humbled to receive the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation (WOASF) scholarship. I am grateful to all those that contributed to this scholarship fund as well as the many volunteers that support the selection process. I will be attending college out of state which will make everything more costly as a non-resident and this scholarship will help lessen the financial burden on my family. I worked very hard throughout my school years and summers to save money so that I could afford to follow my dreams of helping others. I am still undecided regarding what exactly I want to study but I am strongly considering physical therapy, or more generally, the medical field. My interest in physical therapy stems from watching my mother, who has been a physical therapist for 27 years. I volunteer in her clinic and get first-hand experience with the day-to-day job requirements of a physical therapist. I am also grateful for my father who has taught me to always work hard, to never settle for anything but the best, and that hard work requires sacrifices. My father has dedicated decades of his life to the Navy and demonstrated how making sacrifices can pay off with enough hard work and staying motivated. I am beyond grateful that WOASF selected me to receive a scholarship that I will use to be able to better my education and give back to my community by helping others.