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Scholar

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College: Kalamazoo College

2024-2025: Senior

Major: Biology & Psychology with Neuroscience  
concentration

**Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:**

- KC Student Athletic Advisory Committee
- Konstellation Astronomy/Astrophotography Club, Co-Founder
- Alpha Lambda Delta Academic Honor Society
- Varsity Women's Lacrosse, Captain (2024-2025)
- Event Planner at the Intercultural Center
- Sisters in Science Volunteer
- First Year Experience Mentor



I am beyond grateful to have received a Wingman Foundation Memorial scholarship this year. I have always had a soft spot in my heart for the Navy and its veterans, so a chance to continue my education in their name is quite the honor. Because of this scholarship, I will be able to finish my senior year at Kalamazoo College studying Biology, Psychology, and Neuroscience. After I complete this degree, I aim to attend graduate school for a PhD in Neuroscience. It is my hope that with this final degree, I can continue my research on neurodegenerative diseases, such as ALS and dementia, which disproportionately impact veterans. Furthermore, I hope to teach and mentor the next generation of scientists. None of these big dreams would be achievable without the support of my parents, family, friends, WOASF and The Wingman Foundation. Thank you!