

Association of Naval Aviation Philip H. Jones Naval Aviation Scholar

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Sponsor: CDR Joseph Strassberger

College: Virginia Tech

2024-2025: Freshman

Major: Foreign Policy

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Rho Kappa Honor Society, Secretary
- Mu Alpha Theta, Historian
- Honor Societies: Global Studies, National, English, French, and German
- Yearbook Staff
- Gifted Partner Alliance
- French Tutoring at Old Donation School
- Old Donation School PTA/Band
- Carter's Apparel Company



I am extremely honored to receive a 2024 Wings Over America scholarship and I am excited for the opportunities it presents. As I prepare to study at Virginia Tech in the fall, I look forward to pursuing my many areas of interest and furthering my education. In high school, I studied French and German, and I plan to continue my language studies in college. At Virginia Tech, I intend to major in National Security and Foreign Affairs, with a potential minor in French. Being part of a military family, I have been fortunate to travel and experience other countries, which has encouraged my interest in world cultures and languages.

As a member of the Global Studies and World Languages Academy at Tallwood High School, I was chosen to participate in my most memorable trip abroad: being part of an exchange to Coutances, France. I experienced the culture and lives of my host family, and we, in turn, hosted students in Virginia Beach. I gained so much from this experience, and I can't wait to learn more in college. This scholarship will help me continue exploring these passions at university. As I look forward to my freshman year at Virginia Tech, I am eternally grateful to the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation and all of its generous donors for this extraordinary opportunity.