



VADM Jim & Kathie Zortman Scholar

Jillian Belflower

San Diego, CA

Sponsor: CDR Robert Belflower

College: Santa Clara University

Major: Neuroscience and German

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Varsity Cross Country
- Viola Section Principal, small ensemble member
- Junior Varsity Track and Field
- Varsity Academic League
- Speech and Debate Team
- High School Core Team
- St Martins of Tours Catholic Church Volunteer
- College, Career, and Technical Education, San Diego Unified School District (CCTE) Student Teaching Assistant



I am honored to be receiving a 2024 scholarship from the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation. Education is very important to me, both for intellectual growth and the challenge it provides on an individual level, as well as its ability to empower an active, healthy, communicative, and informed society. It is, however, quite expensive, so I am grateful for any aid. I want college to be an exciting experience, unmarred by financial anxieties. My gratitude towards the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation goes beyond the practical benefits; I am grateful for the recognition it has provided me as a military child. PCSing during high school has been a major setback in my educational career. It has complicated the process of fulfilling graduation requirements, it has interrupted my relationships, and it has brought excess stress. This is not to disparage the life I have led as a military child, as I am deeply grateful for the opportunities this lifestyle has provided me. However, it has been extremely validating to have those struggles acknowledged.