

Marine Corps Aviation Memorial SSgt Thomas J. Dudley Scholar

Sydney Engel Drayden, Maryland

Sponsor: Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Engel

College: The University of Washington

2024-2025: Sophomore

Major: Biochemistry with minor Naval Science

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Eliminators Field Hockey, Captain
- Leonardtown Field Hockey, Captain
- National Honor Society, Historian
- Chemistry Club
- Real Food Studio
- St Mary's Health Department
- Leadership, Experience, Opportunity (LEO) Club



I am beyond grateful to The Wingman Foundation for supporting my education. It is not lost to me that there are many applicants deserving of such assistance. Throughout my life I have called many places home, but the military, specifically, the Marine Corps, has always been a constant in my life. Even still, as I am no longer living at home and starting a new life at college, the military community is still there, encouraging me to reach my potential. This scholarship is not only financial assistance, with a lessened burden of tuition I am able to focus more on my education rather than the cost of attendance. Being awarded this honor has given me even more motivation to pursue my ambitions of attending the Uniformed Services University and become a doctor for the US Navy. At the beginning of my long road of education, receiving this scholarship offers the fact that it is not just me who believes in my future. In other words, I am honored that Wings Over America has confidence that I will represent their institution and use the opportunity in the best way.