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Congratulations to our 2018 Scholars!

Each year we talk about how our foundation is growing and 2018 has been another great year for WOASF. We awarded more scholarships for more money than ever before bringing our total foundation awards to over \$1.6 million! In addition to our 50 WOASF scholarships, we also awarded another 35 scholarships through our administered scholarship partners. We are excited to welcome two new groups to the Wings Scholarship family—The Theodore Roosevelt Association, which provided five (5) \$1000 scholarships for dependents of the USS Theodore Roosevelt, CVN 71 and Friends of the USS George H. W. Bush, CVN 77, who provided a \$3400 scholarship for a Bush dependent.



2018 Scholar recipients at the West Coast Reception.



2018 Scholar recipients at the East Coast Reception.

While we love to highlight each of our current scholars on our website and Facebook page, we enjoy when former scholars contact us about what they are doing now and how WOASF has impacted their journey.

This year we say con-

gratulations to five multiple year award winners who have graduated: **Katie Hunt**, the University of California, Santa Barbara, **Sydney Powell**, The College of William & Mary, **Elizabeth Zachman**, University of Virginia, **Dana Lussier**, Syracuse University and **Lily Cady**, University of Virginia. Lily (Elizabeth) sent us the following note: *"I am in Alexandria, Virginia (and living in Arlington) working as a Medical Assistant in a private dermatology practice. I plan to work here for the next 1.5-2 years while I prepare and apply to Physician's Assistant Programs. Thank you again to Wings Over America, I am truly grateful for the scholarship that helped me through college!"*

Congratulations to all of our scholars in the class of 2018!



Elizabeth Cady, 2018 graduate of the University of Virginia

2018 Scholarships Recipients

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College Students

Emily Baragar

Virginia Beach, VA

Florida International University

Lockheed Martin Scholar

Emily Barbrey

Virginia Beach, VA

University of Mary Washington

Mike & Janet Malone Scholar

Rachel Boyle

Tallahassee, FL

Florida State University

WOASF Scholar

Ashlyn Cooper

Jacksonville, FL

University of Alabama

USS Enterprise Scholar

Emma Dodsworth

Port Republic, MD

Washington College

VOY- Chuck Baker Scholar

Samuel Dyer

Virginia Beach, VA

The College of William & Mary

VADM Richard "Sweetpea" Allen Scholar

Jason Euman

Virginia Beach, VA

Shenandoah University

HII/NNS Scholar

Mason Gardella

Fleming Island, FL

Sewanee, The University of the South

Dan & Jennifer Gillian Scholar

Krystal Gonzalez

Chesapeake, VA

Old Dominion University

Doug Williams Scholar

Katie Grant

Gloucester, VA

University of Virginia

LT Kieron "Tator" O'Connor Scholar

Rachel Hardison*

Alexandria, VA

University of Virginia

Fallen Heroes Scholar

Katie Hearther*

Honolulu, HI

University of Washington

Hotline Construction Scholar

William Herbst*

Englewood, CO

Duke University

CAPT Brad Johansen Scholar

Sarah Hitchcock*

Norfolk, VA

University of Virginia

Diane Brennan Scholar

Thomas Holtslander

Fairfax, VA

Auburn University

Navy Federal Credit Union Scholar

Kara Johnson*

Norfolk, VA

Tulane University

USAA Scholar

Zachary Kreiser

Norfolk, VA

Yale University

Tri-Tec Manufacturing Scholar

Jack Lamberson

Lafayette, IN

Purdue University

Edenon Scholar

Stephen Marshall

Hampton, VA

Lancaster Bible College

Tomcat Sunset Scholar

Molly McGarvey

San Diego, CA

University of San Diego

San Diego Padres Tony Gwynn

Scholar

Alexander McGrath*

Severna Park, MD

Yale University

Pratt & Whitney Scholar

Jacob Olson

Old Lyme, CT

Case Western Reserve University

Pratt & Whitney Scholar

Gabrielle Rauch*

Virginia Beach, VA

University of Southern California

Boeing Scholar

Kristen Roberts*

San Diego, CA

University of California, Berkley

Hotline Construction Scholar

Karli-Ann Sanders*

Newcomerstown, OH

Washington & Jefferson College

Pratt & Whitney Scholar

Mollie Sullivan*

Weaverville, NC

University of North Carolina,

Chapel Hill

HII/NNS Scholar

Henry Ulrich

Leonardtown, MD

William Marsh Rice University

Rolls Royce Scholar

High School Students

Daniel Bannon

Virginia Beach, VA

Notre Dame University

ADM Jack Godlewski Scholar

Kristina Boone*

Norfolk, VA

Virginia Commonwealth University

CAPT Turk Green, USS Gerald R. Ford,

USS Theodore Roosevelt Scholar

Andrew Califano*

Norfolk, VA

University of Virginia

Ross & Deidre Myers Scholar

Zachary Cushing

Virginia Beach, VA

Virginia Tech

CAPT Neil Kinnear Scholar

Caroline Doyle

Norfolk, VA

University of Virginia

A-6 Intruder Scholar

Glenda Frierson

Jacksonville, FL

Spelman College

Navy Federal Credit Union Scholar

Audra Heyne

Lincoln, NE

University of Nebraska, Lincoln

CMC Jeff Garber

& VAW/VRC Merit Scholar

Aveline Knoop

Virginia Beach, VA

University of Southern California

USAA Scholar

*Denotes Renewable Scholarship



I will be the first person in my family to graduate from college, and this scholarship allows me to turn that dream into reality. -Katie Grant, University of Virginia

Bailey Kramarik

Williamsburg, VA

James Madison University*Ken Nelson, USS Theodore Roosevelt &
Maritime Patrol Assoc. Scholar***Katherine Larratt**

Coronado, CA

**University of California,
Los Angeles***Peg Shoemaker Scholar***Kazmine Longmire**

Trophy Club, TX

Auburn University*WOASF Scholar***Sarah McGonagle**

Spring Hill, TN

George Washington University*WOASF & Maritime Patrol
Association Scholar***Carl Reed**

Virginia Beach, VA

James Madison University*First Command & VAW/VRC Merit
Scholar***Carlo Sanchez**

Chula Vista, CA

University of San Diego*USAA Scholar***Anna Stevenson**

Great Mills, MD

University of Alabama*Raytheon Scholar***Hayden Turner**

Oklahoma City, OK

University of Oklahoma*Arvest Bank Scholar***Thomas Twomey**

San Diego, CA

University of Virginia*Tailhook Scholar***Erika Workman**

Glen Allen, VA

Virginia Tech*WOASF & VAW/VRC Merit Scholar***Spouses****Caitlin Alba**

Chula Vista, CA

California State University,**San Bernardino***VOY-WFW Team Scholar***Nicky Hoang**

Chula Vista, CA

**University of Maryland, University
College***Jim & Kathie Zortman Scholar***Karen Johnson**

Jacksonville, FL

University of North Florida*Lockheed Martin Scholar***Beth Theiss**

Virginia Beach, VA

Saint Leo University*Boeing Scholar***Administered Scholarships****Olivia Chandler**

Arlington, TN

University of Idaho*Maritime Patrol Association***Caitlyn Dodge**

Honolulu, HI

Boise State University*Maritime Patrol Association***Sarah Dodge**

Honolulu, HI

Boise State University*Maritime Patrol Association***Jamie Hearther**

Honolulu, HI

Montana State University*Maritime Patrol Association***Ashton Johnston**

Coronado, CA

Samford University*Maritime Patrol Association***Kamryn Keilty**

Lakeland, TN

Clemson University*Maritime Patrol Association***Riley O'Brien**

Pequot Lakes, MN

St. Olaf College*Maritime Patrol Association***Paige Phillips**

Annapolis, MD

Baylor University*Maritime Patrol Association***John Ruane**

Chesapeake, VA

Virginia Commonwealth University*Maritime Patrol Association***Alexis Trumbull**

Orange Park, FL

University of Florida*Maritime Patrol Association***Graham Woods**

Fleming Island, FL

University of Florida*Maritime Patrol Association***Alexis Bryant**

Virginia Beach, VA

Virginia Tech*VAW/VRC Merit***Lacey Frazier**

Virginia Beach, VA

Old Dominion University*VAW/VRC Merit***Arielle Mays**

Virginia Beach, VA

Marymount College*VAW/VRC Merit***Caleb McLachlan**

Auburn, AL

Auburn University*VAW/VRC Merit***Hannah Steinbach**

Apex, NC

Boston University*VAW/VRC Merit***Ethan Alcazar**

Eaton, CO

Colby College*USS Carl Vinson***Olivia Anderson**

Brunswick, OH

Bowling Green State University*USS Nimitz***Kenneth Armijo**

Portsmouth, RI

Worcester Polytechnic Institute*USS George H.W. Bush***Nicholas Barnes**

Chesapeake, VA

Old Dominion University*USS Theodore Roosevelt***Samantha Bradford**

Lithia, FL

University of Central Florida*USS Nimitz***Anna Shaarda**

McBain, MI

Seattle Pacific University*USS Theodore Roosevelt*

It's not only an honor to receive the award, but a responsibility I take seriously to be a good steward of the financial investment and faith you have placed in me. -Thomas Twomey, The University of Virginia



Weekend for Wings a Huge Success

We couldn't ask for a better result from our Weekend for Wings in San Diego. Months of hard work by our awesome committee paid off in our biggest fundraising event to date, nearly \$100,000! We had a perfect day for golf, a great crowd at our happy hour at McP's and incredible music from Never 2L8 at our concert. Thank you to all who came out and supported our events. Read more about our awesome team of volunteers on page 7.



Golfers gather for a picture prior to shot-gun.



The Shoemakers sporting WOASF spirit wear at happy hour.



Sarah Cummings and Chip & Ellen Miller are ready to bid at the auction.

If It's Spring, It Must Be Golf Season!

Wings golfers were found coast to coast this spring. Not only in San Diego in March, but in Oklahoma in April and Virginia Beach in May, (well it was postponed until June—weather just wasn't on our side this year!)



Our winning foursome in Oklahoma, with Chuck Baker (center).



Our winning foursome in Virginia Beach.



Board members and WOASF volunteers, Bill Gortney, Jean FitzPatrick and Liz & Greg Nosal hit the links despite blistering temps in Virginia Beach.

Thank You to Our Generous Event Sponsors



Taking scholarships on the Road! Look for WOASF at a scholarship fair near you. We'll be at the Tailhook Reunion '18 in September. Thanks to our volunteers, Erin Dermody and Christina Slentz for taking the lead in San Diego and Matchje Lanzilotta (not pictured) for representing us in Japan.

Letter from the Board Chair

I am delighted to report that 2018 has been a great year for the Foundation.

Our fundraising is ahead of target. This is significant since our fundraising goals are rising each year as we endeavor to raise the value of each scholarship award to \$5000 by 2022. Our golf tournament and auction in San Diego were immensely successful. My thanks to the great organizers and volunteers out west.

More significantly our annual scholarship candidate screening, selection and award process is complete. We selected 50 students out of nearly 300 candidates and awarded \$170,000 in scholarships and an additional 35 administered scholarships for a total of \$220,000 in awards. The quality of the young people applying continues to be impressive making the selection process very competitive. I personally awarded one of our scholarships to a high school senior in Lexington Park, MD and can attest that she was an outstanding student and athlete. My thanks to the many volunteers who make the candidate package screening possible. We could not do it without you. Special thanks to Christine, Melissa and Joy who diligently administer our programs.

All of this could not be possible without support from our individual donors and corporate sponsors. We have many testimonials from scholarship awardees whose lives were changed for the better thanks to the tuition money they received from our Foundation. We are making a difference and I thank all who have generously supported us.

Rich O'Hanlon

This scholarship award will help me to focus my attention on studies without having any financial concerns. I also work 30 hours a week to help fund my education. Thanks to this scholarship, I will be able to reduce my work schedule and focus on my further studies. I would like to thank you Wings Over America for making it possible for me to fulfill my educational goals. I am extremely grateful for this award. - Nicky Hoang, spouse scholar, University of Maryland, University College





College A Cappella Concert
Saturday, November 3rd 8:00 pm
Sandler Center for the Performing Arts
Virginia Beach, VA

General seating tickets- \$25
Student tickets \$15
VIP package \$65, includes
preferred seating and pre-concert reception.

Save the Date



PACNORWEST Golf Tournament
Monday, Oct. 1, 2018 1:00 pm
Everett Golf and Country Club, Everett, WA

Pax River Golf Tournament
Friday, October 19, 2018 9:00 am
Cedar Point Golf Course, NAS Pax River, MD

Visit our [website events tab](#) for more information.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

It is always sad when we have to say goodbye to our board members, but it is especially true when saying fair winds and following seas to **Peg Shoemaker**. Peg has been a force of nature ever since she joined the Board in 2013. Her understanding of outreach and building relationships has transformed the way WOASF does business. Her fervent support has helped WOASF grow in every facet. However, it was when Peg moved to San Diego that things really changed. Creating the Weekend for Wings (taking our already successful San Diego golf tournament and building a weekend event), Peg and the fabulous committee she led, focused support for WOASF and gave us a fun and successful destination weekend for folks to show their support of WOASF. As Peg transitions to her next chapter, we will forever be grateful for her guidance and vision to propel WOASF to the next level.

VADM **Jim Zortman**, USN (Ret.) has been a “part” of WOASF for many years. His wife Kathie is one of our founders (helping to expand Wings Over the Atlantic to Wings Over America). While on active duty, he always championed the work we did and once retired, joined our Board to help strategically advise WOASF as our foundation grew. Jim participated in all of our San Diego events; golf, auctions and award ceremonies and helped spread the word throughout the greater San Diego community.

Both Peg and Jim will be greatly missed as San Diego BOD members, but we know they will continue to spread the message of WOASF and the service we provide to our dependents.

Welcome Aboard

First, please welcome **Ken Shook**, an advisor with First Command and a long time supporter of WOASF. Ken has been a sponsor of our All Aviation Golf Tournament and has been a partner in hosting scholarship outreach sessions.

Also joining us is **Ellen Miller**, representing the West Coast. Ellen, will take on the awesome task of leading our Weekend for Wings Team in San Diego and helping to spread the word about scholarships to our west coast families.

Finally we welcome **VADM Denby Starling, USN (Ret.)** to the WOASF BOD. Denby is no stranger to WOASF as is wife, Marjy, was a former co-executive director. The Starlings have been long time supporters of WOASF and we welcome Denby’s leadership and strategic expertise to the foundation.

WOASF [on-line application](#) Available 24/7.

October 1st—Pre-qualification opens

February 1st—Pre-qualification deadline

March 1st—Scholarship deadline

Need help with navigating the college/scholarship process? Visit our Blog—[Tuesday’s Tips](#) on our website. Visit each week for a new tip. Have a group that would be interested in the information?

Contact our office,
scholarship@wingsoveramerica.us, to schedule a brief. We are happy to present to Commands, FRGs, and other interested groups.

Receiving this 2018 scholarship means that I can fully commit myself to my education and future career goals while being supported by Wings Over America in my endeavors. With this scholarship I hope to pursue my education and advance towards a career in healthcare to give back to my community, like the way that Wings Over America has so graciously given to me. - Kristina Boone, Virginia Commonwealth University



Netflix, Pandora and Scholarships?



It seems that every time we turn around, we are spending another \$10 a month on some subscription service. We enter our credit card information and then we never think about it again—easy, right?

Well, the same can be done to support WOASF. With our recurring donations link, you only need to enter your information once and then choose to donate monthly, quarterly or yearly. That's it! What could be an easier way to support WOASF and the students we serve?

Make it \$10, \$20 or \$30, whatever works for you. It's easy, just sign up for a recurring donation on the donation [page](http://www.wingsoveramerica.us) on our website, www.wingsoveramerica.us

Volunteers of the Year

We have many wonderful volunteers that help WOASF plan and staff our events, prepare applications and select our scholars. But some talented volunteers have gone above and beyond this year, particularly our **Weekend for Wings Team** in San Diego. This outstanding group of folks worked for months planning and executing our WFW 2018 which included our golf tournament, happy hour and auction with concert. On top of planning our biggest event of the year, due to some very unusual San Diego weather, the whole concert had to be relocated and a bit reimaged in just a few hours. But no challenge is too big for them and they made it all come together seamlessly. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful team "making it happen" on the West Coast. And by "making it happen", we mean raising nearly \$100,000 for the foundation—helping us easily reach our scholarship benchmarks this year. Thank you, **Baby Anduze, Christy Becker, Shelley Bolt, Brandi Brenner, Regina Brown, Kris Collins, Sara Cummings, Erin Dermody, Madori Gray, Rosemary Hockran, Billy and Maureen Hart, Liz Johnston, Gina Koehler, Al Lovering, Ellen Miller, Kathleen Mulvehill, Deidre Myers, Nancy Schrum, Peg Shoemaker, Christina Slentz and Kristin Walt**, for all that you do to support WOASF!



Just a few of our 2018 WFW Team

Once again we are happy to name **Chuck Baker** as our VOY. As you may remember, Chuck started our Oklahoma Golf Tournament three years ago and has done a great job growing the event and this year did it single handedly. The staff of WOASF normally comes in for our remote events and lends a helping hand on the last minute items, but this year, we couldn't make it but that didn't stop Chuck! He handled everything from soup to nuts (or in this case, tee off to awards) and ran a great event. The event was bigger and more successful than ever before. Thanks Chuck for keeping the train moving!



Chuck Baker, 2018 VOY

As a national organization with only a small staff in VA, we couldn't complete our mission coast to coast without our extortionary network of volunteers. To each and everyone of them, we, the staff, say **thank you!** for making our jobs easier.



I am extremely thankful to the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation for its generosity in helping to fund my education. The Wings Over America Scholarship exemplifies the Navy's core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. It is an immense honor to have been recognized by such a fantastic organization that is making meaningful contributions to so many families.
-Jacob Olson, Case Western Reserve University

\$\$ Top 10 Ways to Support WOASF \$\$

10. **Volunteer** - you are our most valuable resource
9. **Attend** an event to support WOASF
8. **Host** an event to support WOASF
7. **Shop** through **Amazon Smiles** and designate WOASF as your charity
6. **Be a Sponsor** of a WOASF Event
5. **Donate online**— at www.wingsoveramerica.us
4. **Celebrate with Us** – celebrate a milestone, birthday, anniversary, retirement or change of command with a named scholarship
3. **Mail** a check today—see address below
2. **Matching Gift** – see our website for a list of known companies that match donations or visit your Human Resources Office
1. **Planned Giving**—include WOASF in your estate plans

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Our Mission...

is to provide college scholarships to dependents of US Navy personnel in aviation commands.

Recipients are selected on the basis of scholastic merit, extra-curricular activities and character.

WOASF annually sponsors over fifty scholarships to students who have chosen to continue their education. The foundation is funded solely through the generous contributions of private and corporate sources, and has proudly awarded over \$1,600,000 to outstanding students since 1987.

Special Thanks....

WOASF exists today thanks to many wonderful sponsors. If you are interested in making a donation - no amount is too small! WOASF is a Virginia Corporation which meets tax exempt status under IRS code 501(c)(3). Donations can also be made through the Combined Federal Campaign VA CFC #86767

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2018-19 CALENDARNOTES

**OCT 1—Scholarship
Application Opens**

**OCT 1—PACNORWEST
Golf Tournament**
Everett, WA

**OCT 16—Pax River Golf
Tournament**
Pax River, MD

**NOV 3—College A
Cappella Concert**
Virginia Beach, VA

FEB 1—Pre-qual due

**FEB 15-16—Weekend
for Wings**
San Diego, CA

**MAR 1—Applications
due**

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