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WOASF Scholars—Making the Most of Opportunities

We love hearing from our scholars and catching up on what they've been up to since receiving a WOASF scholarship. This year we were lucky to hear from a number of past recipients. Whether it's an annual scholarship or a four-year renewable scholarship, WOASF scholars soar as they take full advantage of the opportunities provided by receiving a Wings Over America scholarship. From California to New York and everywhere in between, over scholars are continuing to change the world. Read what they have to say about where life is taking them.



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Rachel Herrara—Class of 2017 Thank you for reaching out! After graduating Princeton in 2017, I completed a Fulbright Fellowship as an English Teaching Assistant in Mexico. Following my year in Mexico, I joined Deloitte Consulting and have worked on projects supporting the integration of Military Health Systems, the development of the Defense Health Agency, and a project supporting Disaster Recovery after the hurricanes in Puerto Rico. I am currently living in Washington D.C. and am always happy to chat and connect with college or high school students about career and academic paths.



Hunter Estes—Class of 2019

I graduated from Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service with a Bachelor of Science in International Politics in May of 2019. After graduation, I moved down to Jackson, Mississippi to take on a role as the development manager for the Mississippi Center for Public Policy, a state think tank that works to advance free market ideas and conservative solutions through effective legislation and litigation. In his position, I direct all fundraising operations for the organization by developing and maintaining donor relations, writing grant proposals, and coordinating campaigns to support the organization.

I also write on a variety of issues and am regularly featured on the Mississippi Center for Public Policy's website mspolicy.org, have been published nationally in the Washington Examiner, The American Conservative, College Fix, and other sites.

Outside of work, I enjoy taking road trips through the South with friends, mountain biking, kayaking, and hiking.

Having been born in Meridian, MS while my father was stationed at the Naval Air Station, I was excited for the chance to return to Mississippi and

work to advance tangible public policy reform.



I am incredibly thankful to the Wings over America Scholarship Foundation. It is through their support that I was able to attend Georgetown University, and ultimately do what I am doing now. For that, I will forever be grateful to the entire organization and those generous individuals who support it!

Amelia Black-Wendt—Class of 2014

I am now a first-year psychiatry resident at the University of Minnesota Psychiatry Residency Program. As a new physician, I am spending my intern year doing different rotations at both the University of Minnesota, an academic hospital, and the Minneapolis VA hospital, providing care for our veterans.

My specific clinical interest within psychiatry is women's mental health, and I plan to focus on working with this population after residency. I would like to thank the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation for their support and helping to make my medical dreams a reality!

> Find more Scholar Stories at WingsOverAmerica.us

Thank you for promoting the WOASF Scholarship

Our scholarship season has taken off and with one week left until the pre-qualification deadline, the applicant pool is growing. You've done a fantastic job spreading the word to our aviation community both active duty and retired. THANK YOU!

As you continue to promote the scholarship, did you know:

- WOASF scholarships can be used not only to obtain a Bachelor's degree but also an Associate's degree. The scholarship can also be use to complete a certificate program.
- Our scholarships are open to the dependents of ALL US Navy personnel who have served in any capacity within Naval Air Forces...Officers and Enlisted.
- We have scholarships for spouses working on their first undergraduate degree or a certificate program....either full-time or part-time.
- Because we know continual moves and deployments make it difficult for spouses to complete a program all at one time, spouses can be awarded the WOASF scholarship an unlimited amount of times.

- The WOASF scholarship selection is a 100% blind process completed by a committee made up of members of the retired aviation community & educational professionals. All personal information in the application is redacted.
- Scholarship recipients are selected on six equally weighted categories: scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, work/internships, community service, recommendations and essay. We are looking for the well-rounded student.

Important Scholarship Dates Application Opens: October 1, 2019 Eligibility Pre-Qual Deadline: February 1, 2020 Application Deadline: March 1, 2020



"With this scholarship I will be able to stay focused and remain committed to my educational goals until I see my dream come true." —Sahatu Mahama, Chamberlain College of Nursing

WOASF Parents Giving Back

"I began my high school journey at the STEM Academy at Landstown, spent my sophomore and junior years overseas in Japan, and spent my final year at First Colonial. Needless-to-say, these years have made it tough to find stability. This scholarship has provided it in a meaningful way, giving me a firm foundation from which to grow."—John Lanzilotta



Parents know better than anyone the challenges students face during their educational careers especially the ones unique to Navy families. Constant moves, deployments, family separations, and the stress of navigating curriculum and graduation requirements from state to state are just a few. Being part of the Naval Aviation community carries students through all these changes.

The WOASF Parents' Circle, established in 2013, is a way for scholar parents give back and provide long-term viability of the scholarship program. They join other parents of scholarship recipients who have chosen to invest in the best that Naval Aviation has to offer by making a commitment to future scholars. As WOASF ambassadors, they spread the word about our scholarship program and its importance to Navy families.

If you are the parent of a WOASF scholarship recipient, consider joining the Parents' Circle with a donation of \$100 or more and be a part of the continued growth of the foundation for future generations of scholars.

Yes! I'll Join Online <u>TODAY</u>!

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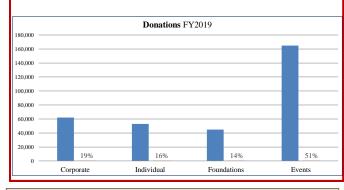
Fiscal Check-up

It has been a banner year for WOASF! We have given out more scholarships for more money than ever before, bringing our total giving to \$1,800,000 in WOASF Scholarships! None of that would have been possible without your financial support. Your generosity and participation in our events enabled us to award over \$250,000 in scholarships to 50 students this year.

Our on-going goal is to increase individual giving, as it is the best way to ensure sustainability for the foundation. Studies show that 80% of charitable giving comes from individual donors. We are making strides, but you can see from the chart below that we've a long way to go to reach 80%. If you're currently a donor, thank you! Please continue to help us, by spreading the word to fellow aviators about WOASF and the wonderful service we provide to our children and spouses. If you are not currently a donor, please consider including us in your annual giving. A little or a lot, every penny counts when assisting students with the high cost of tuition.

This year we will once again raise the value of our scholarships to \$4,200 per award. With your help, we can continue to increase scholarships annually until we reach \$5,000 per award by 2022, making an even greater impact on the ever-rising cost of tuition. Every dollar you give, makes a tremendous difference to our scholars.

Thank You!



"I am so thankful for the financial support that I have received from the Wings Over America Foundation for the past two years, and my upcoming year at Duke University. This scholarship has helped me to focus on the incredibly demanding classes that I'm taking as a Biomedical Engineer at Duke. With a degree from Duke, I hope to continue my studies and work as a research scientist and potentially enter a PhD program after graduation. Thank you again to the Wings Over



America Foundation and the generous donors who have provided the financial assistance that has helped make this possible for me."—*William Herbst, Duke University*

WOASF in the Community

As the foundation grows, we continue to find ways to go out into the community and spread the word about WOASF and the importance of our mission.

We're helping out in schools, showing WOASF Pride in parades and playing trivia. Next up we'll be headed to Wasserhund Brewing Company in Virginia Beach for a night of socializing. In 2020 we are looking for more ways to connect with our local communities.



Matching Gift Programs

Matching gifts are corporate giving programs that reward employees' charitable donations. 65% of large companies in the United States match employees' donations. Most companies have a 1:1 matching gift ratio but many match up to 4:1. By enrolling in your company's matching gifts program, you can make the **most** of your WOASF donation, and create even more scholarships for Navy aviation dependents. Click the link below to find a list of companies that have a matching gifts program.

Corporate Matching Gifts

FY2019 Donors. Thank you for your generosity! FY2019: October 1, 2018—September 30, 2019

Diamond Level (\$50,000 or More)

Wendell and Doris Rodgers Foundation

Sapphire Level (\$20,000—\$49,999)

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Memorial and Honorary Gifts

Education is the gift that lasts a lifetime, and a gift to WOASF given in memory or in honor of a loved one provides a meaningful way to celebrate a loved one while carrying his or her legacy forward to future generations of students. Your gift can celebrate a milestone or a loved one's successes, express your gratitude for a lasting friendship, pay tribute to someone you've lost or show support for the family of a lost loved one. It reflects what's important to you in a selfless way making it even more meaningful.

Thank you for your thoughtful support in naming our scholarship program for Memorial and Honorary donations.

Honored by Friends & Family FY2019

Pete & Liz Riebe Mrs. Christine Wilson Shelley and Family Mike and Peg Shoemaker

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Funding a Named Scholarship

-Each **\$4200** donation to the scholarship fund in one fiscal year may be named for the donor in recognition of their support or recognized as an *Honorary* or *Memorial* scholarship named as the donor desires.

-Each **\$20,000** donation will receive a four-year renewable scholarship. These scholarships will be awarded at the current level for each scholarship season and may be named for the donor in recognition of their support or recognized as an *Honorary* or *Memorial* scholarship named as the donor desires.

-Donors who wish to create a legacy celebrating or memorializing a loved one may establish an **Endowed Renewable Scholarship** that, for a donation of **\$125,000** (made over a maximum of **5** years), is structured to award a named scholarship for a minimum of 30 years.

Letter from the Chairman

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Dear Sponsors and Friends of Wings,

In my first letter as the Board Chairman for Wings, I would be remiss if I did not open with my heartfelt thanks for all that our staff, volunteers and donors do to make this fantastic organization work. I had my first exposure to Wings in 2004, when my wife Marjy and I came to AirLant, and it has been extremely gratifying to watch as over the past 15 years Wings has prospered, grown and continually increased its level of support to the Navy Aviation community.

I would also like to thank the outgoing Chairman of the Board, RADM (ret) Spanky O'Hanlon, as well as our former Executive Director, Christine Wilson, for their years of leadership and dedication to Wings. We would not be in the strong position that we find ourselves in today without their efforts.

I am excited that we have landed Andrea Diamond as our new Executive Director. All of us who have served know the value that comes from experience, as well as the cycle of fresh ideas and innovative approaches that come from transitioning leadership. Andrea brings a wealth of experience from her prior position as a member of the team at the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation and she has hit the ground running here at Wings. I predict that under her guidance, Wings will continue to excel.

I am looking forward to being in San Diego in late February for our West Coast "Weekend for Wings" activities (how could anyone not be looking forward to leaving the East Coast for Coronado in February?) For those of you on the "left coast" please mark your calendars and I hope to see you at the golf tournament on Feb 28th and at the Concert and Auction Feb 29th. For our East Coast friends, please save March 27 and 28 for our East Coast Weekend. Details for both of these important events in our fundraising calendar are available on our website.

In closing, I am looking forward to another year of great things from the Wings Over America team. Thank you again for all that you do to support our Navy Aviation spouses' and dependents' educational aspirations.

Denby Starling Vice Admiral, USN (ret)

"Not only will this scholarship make a significant difference in achieving a milestone in my educational career, helping me to pay for my final year of my undergraduate degree, it also gives me the opportunity to represent the larger "family" which I am so proud to be part of: The Navy." – Maeve MacGowan,

University of New England



Weekend for Wings Coast to Coast

This year we will span the country with our weekend celebrations of Naval Aviation. Join us in sunny California for the **Weekend for Wings** and in beautiful Virginia for the **Weekend for Wings-East**. Both weekends will be filled with fun and comradery as the Navy aviation community, along with our civilian friends and neighbors, comes together to raise funds for scholarships.



Golf Tournament

Friday, February 28, 2020

Sea 'N Air Golf Club NAS, North Island

7:30 - 8:30 am Check-in 9:00 am Shotgun Start

Entry Fees: \$100 Active Duty \$140 Civilian/Retired

Includes: greens fees, cart, range balls, course beverages and snacks, continental breakfast, lunch and prizes!

Happy Hour Mc P's Irish Pub Friday, February 28th 4:00 PM 1107 Orange Avenue



Music By:

Presented By:

Concert and Auction

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Island Club NAS North Island

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Catered appetizers, beverages, music, silent and live auction, and more!

Online Bidding Available

Register for Events Today at WingsOverAmerica.us!

Aviation Pride Contest

Show your Aviation Pride throughout the **Weekend for Wings** events by wearing clothing showing your command unit or Naval Aviation spirit AND post on Instagram using **#WingsWeekendSpirit**

Prizes awarded at the Concert / Auction on Saturday.

Command Unit Prize: 2020 Scholarship named for Command Unit with highest attendance throughout Weekend for Wings events (Golf Tournament and Concert / Auction).

Individual Prize: \$50 Visa Gift Card awarded to the Auction attendee wearing the most spirited Naval Aviation gear.

Weekend for Wings-East Destination Norfolk/Virginia Beach

March 27-28, 2020

Golf Tournament

Friday, March 27, 2020

Aeropines Golf Club NAS, Oceana

7:30 - 8:30 am Check-in 9:00 am Shotgun Start

Entry Fees: \$85 Active Duty \$100 Civilian/Retired

Includes: greens fees, cart, range balls, course beverages and snacks, continental breakfast, lunch and prizes!

Happy HourWarrior's TaphouseFriday, March 27th4:00 PM1630 General Booth Blvd.



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Concert and Auction

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Norfolk Yacht & Country Club On the beautiful Lafayette River

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Tickets: \$20

Hors d'oeuvres, beverages, music, silent and live auction, and more!

Online Bidding Available

Register for Events Today at WingsOverAmerica.us!



"I am extremely grateful that there is an organization of people out there with the goal of assisting young people in their higher educational pursuits." —Grace Reilein, Auburn University

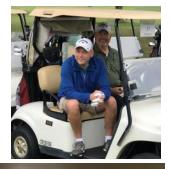
PAX River Golf Tournament

September found us in Patuxent, MD for our Annual Pax River Golf Tournament at Cedar Point Golf Course located on the Chesapeake Bay. We had a beautiful though windy day for golf. Golfers showed their skills as they battled the wind and played on as jets took off from the nearby runway. It was naval aviation at its best as participants gave generously to help raise funds for scholarships. Thank you to all our sponsors, prize donors, golfers and volunteers for making it such a successful event.













Save the Date 10th Anniversary PAX River Golf Tournament October 16, 2020 Celebrate 10 Years Of Golf With Us!



Fair winds and Following Seas

It is always sad when we have to say goodbye to our board members, but it is especially true saying farewell **Rich O'Hanlon.** As chairman, Rich has seen many changes in our scholarship program including streamlining the application process, increasing our scholarship award, and the establishment of WOASF's Endowed Renewable Scholarship Program. He introduced us to the Wendell and Doris Rogers Foundation which became our first endowed scholarship in the new program. While he has stepped down from the board, we know he will continue his support of the foundation, and we'll see him at all our WOASF events.

Long-time supporter, **Mary Lewis** stepped off the board but continues to volunteer her time on our Weekend for Wings-East committee. Her experience and history with the foundation has been instrumental in the success of our fundraising events. Whether supporting the Parents' Circle, volunteering at a WOASF event or serving as a member of our board, Mary constantly puts Navy families first.

Welcome Aboard

As Rich and Mary depart the pattern, we have new directors coming in for a landing.

First, please welcome **Deidre Myers**, with both a B.S and M.S. in Secondary Education, Deidre has taught in various schools across the country, as well as teaching English for Toyota Racing Development in Tokyo, Japan. She is a valued volunteer with Navy Marine Corps Relief, and especially WOASF. A huge supporter of our Weekend for Wings, you are sure to have seen her manning the golf registration table. We look forward to her experience and insight as we grow our scholarship program.

Also joining us is **Bob Geis**, a retired Naval Officer of 30 years, he is now Chesapeake's Deputy City Manager. As a former Commanding Officer of Oceana, Bob knows WOASF well and is eager to help the foundation grow as we reach out into our community.

Welcome to the team!

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Thank you both for your commitment to WOASF!



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Our Mission...

is to provide post-secondary 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 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 \$1.800,000 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).

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

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