

Raytheon-Aero & Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Mason Gardella

Fleming Island, FL

Fleming Island High

High School GPA: 4.66

University of the South

Major: Biology, minor in Spanish &
Business

Activities:

- JV & Varsity Volleyball, Captain
- Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy
- National Honor Society
- JV Soccer
- Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society
- Volunteer: JJVA Volley Tots Summer Camp, Sunday School Teacher, Second Harvest to Feed the Hungry, Medical Mission to Uganda
- Year Round Babysitter and House-sitter



I was literally born into Naval Aviation, making my grand entrance into the world while my dad was a student Naval Aviator in 1997. The only life my family and I know is one involving wings of gold! I'm proud of my father's service in the Navy and thankful for every opportunity his service has provided our family along the way. Being the recipient of both Wings Over America and the Maritime Patrol Association scholarships is humbling and an honor because they represent the only life I've known. They also are a blessing to my family and are a way of saying thank you to my parents for supporting me for all these years. I am attending Sewanee: The University of the South in the fall and will be enrolled in their pre-dental program to one day become a pediatric dentist. I will be playing for their volleyball team as well, which has been my dream for a long time. These scholarships are helping me make my dreams a reality. The financial help with my undergraduate degree helps make the dream of attending dental school even more achievable in the future!