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Scholarship Foundation**
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Wings In The News

Our Mission

Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation, was established in 1987. Our mission is to provide college scholarships to dependent children and spouses of all US Navy - officer and enlisted - active duty, retired, honorably discharged or deceased who served within Naval Air Forces. Recipients are selected on the basis of scholastic merit, community service and extra curricular activities.

Wings Over America annually sponsors over forty 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 \$375,000 to outstanding students since 1987.



Meghan Webb receives the ADM Jack Godlewski Scholarship from Mrs. Pat Godlewski at the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation 2009-2010 Scholarship Reception

From The President

This past year has seen great changes for WOASF. We've regretfully said goodbyes to Harriett Goodwin, the former Executive Director, and Bill Hayden and Linda Lindsey from our Board of Directors. We've welcomed Mike Malone, Ken Nelson, Melissa Garrison and Jennifer Cain to the Board. Christine Wilson took over from Susan Hunter as our Scholarship Development Associate. And we've seen the endowment of the Turk Green Memorial perpetual scholarship.

Next year the changes will be even greater as we prepare WOASF to become an even bigger and better organization which can take advantage of more national resources while continuing to grow our relationships with our current supportive donors. We're seeking more opportunities to collaborate with other aviation organizations. Our website is always improving and we're arranging more ways to donate online as well as increasing the number of more traditional methods. We're working hard to reach more potential applicants worldwide. The Scholarship Committee is always fine tuning our application process to make it easier for both students and reviewers.

Hundreds of volunteers working thousands of hours since the inception of the first scholarship in 1987 have gotten us to where we are today. Most of those volunteers have been and continue to be Navy spouses. We're proud to consider ourselves the charity of Naval Aviation.

Thank you to those of you who have helped us grow in the past and thank you to those who are new to WOASF. What we do makes a difference in the lives of our Naval Aviation families. -Eileen O'Hanlon, WOASF President and CEO

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Congratulations To Our 2009- 2010 Scholarship Recipients

Jenna Adsit
University of Notre Dame

Michael Adsit
University of California San Diego

Brittany Agrillo
Wake Forest University

Margaret Anderson
Clemson University

Amy Andreasen
Wake Forest University

Deborah Brown
California Coast University

Alixanna Burg
University of Georgia

Erin Cassidy
Wake Forest University

Nicholas Chambers
California State University – East Bay

Spencer Davis
University of Virginia

Meighan Dober
Virginia Tech

Kelsey Edens
Virginia Tech

Jordyn Emmert
Eastern University

Jeanette Erskine
San Diego State University

Kelsey Erskine
Sonoma State University

Eden Hovenga
Maryland Institute of College of Art

Ryan Hnarakis
Cal Poly State University

Elizabeth Jones
Florida State University

Johanna Jorgensen
University of North Florida

Nikko Knapp-Castillo
Tidewater Community College

Sarah Lesley
College of William and Mary

Hailey Light
Bridgewater College

Ryan Manazir
Oregon State University

Jennifer Mendel
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

Allyson Meadows
Seattle Pacific University

Rebecca Red
University of Idaho

Jessie Reeves
University of Virginia

Joshua Rolon
Christopher Newport University

Korinda Rushinyak
Virginia Wesleyan College

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Tidewater Community College

Meghan Webb
Florida State

Marissa Welch
Christopher Newport University

Evans Wralstadt
University of Virginia

Some Words From Our Winners!

Scholarship Testimonials

~The Wings Over America Scholarship, which I have received for the past four years has helped to make my undergraduate education possible. My time at the University of Notre Dame has been incredibly rewarding, and because of the Wings Over America Scholarship, I have been able to take advantage of priceless opportunities, such as study abroad in both Ireland and Mexico, earning a dual degree in mathematics and philosophy and participating in clubs and activities ranging from Ultimate Frisbee to sing to student government. It is with sincere gratitude that I accept this Wings Over America Scholarship. **Jenna Adsit**

~Wow! I am delighted to receive this wonderful scholarship. It means so much to me and will help me attend my dream college, Wake Forest University. This money enables me to pursue my passion and aspirations in life...Without my supportive parents and help such as you have given me, a college degree would be much harder to achieve. Thank you to all those who work hard to make this scholarship possible for the lucky recipients. As I always heard my Dad say – “the Navy takes care of its own” – thanks for taking care of me! **Amy Andreasen**

~It is a privilege to be a recipient from an organization related to the Navy. Being the daughter of a Naval Officer gave me many opportunities to see America and meet many interesting people, but it was difficult to be away from my father and to have to move often. I know everyone from the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation understands that and I truly appreciate being granted this scholarship. **Kelsey Edens**

~Receiving this scholarship means the world to me. It will allow me to achieve my goals of becoming a computer engineer and go on to graduate school. Then I can fulfill my dream of working at a company such as Raytheon. Additionally, receiving this scholarship culminates everything my Mom has worked for as a sailor in the Navy. Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to represent Wings Over America. I will make you proud.

Joshua Rolon

~I know I am truly blessed for the opportunity I have been given and I will work diligently to honor those who helped me work toward my college degree. ...[when] I complete my degree, I hope to be able to help and impact the lives of others just as you have done for me. I hope you continue to assist others achieve their dreams just as you have done for me. **Korinda Rushnyak**

~For the past three years, it has been an honor and a privilege to receive this scholarship. This award has impacted my life in so many ways that it is difficult to describe how grateful have been for it. This money has allowed me to seize every opportunity presented to me in college, including enjoying a semester abroad. It helped me to absorb all that King's College, London, and Europe has to offer, which in turn, has made me a better more worldly person. ...I will do my best to ensure your money has been used responsibly and that I reflect the ideals of Wings Over America. **Jennifer Mendel**

~ Thank you for choosing me to be a recipient of a Wings Over America Scholarship. I feel like a special part of a wonderful group of Navy Families. Participating in the wonderful reception will always be an incredible memory to me. Listening to the tributes given as memorials to those heroic Naval Aviators was very moving and real for me. Earning this scholarship was made even more important since I was present at the reception. ...I look forward to working hard to achieve at UMW and hope to remain in touch with the Wings Over America Foundation to let them know how I am getting along at the university. I promise to do my best! **Clare Shippee**

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WOASF Catches Up With 2003 Scholarship Recipient Kathryn Wrieden

In 2003, when Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation was still Wings Over the Atlantic, Kathryn Wrieden, the spouse of Jake Wrieden, a helicopter pilot stationed at HC-8 in Norfolk applied for and received a WOA scholarship that assisted her in finishing her law degree (WOA awarded scholarships for graduate work for spouses at that time.) We had a long distance interview with her, she currently lives in Hawaii, about how receiving the WOA scholarship impacted her life.

WOASF: What school did you go to and what did you study?

KW: William & Mary Law School, earned J.D. in December 2004

WOASF: What impact did receiving the scholarship make in achieving your education goals?

KW: In conjunction with the Naval Helicopter Association Graduate Scholarship, the Wings Over the Atlantic Scholarship covered 50% of my tuition for the 2003-2004 academic year. This made an enormous difference in the financial burden that pursuing a second degree placed on our family at the time. In addition, being honored with the scholarship really en-

couraged me to continue my studies at a time when the thought of balancing school and family life for another two years seemed daunting.

WOASF: What challenges did you face in pursuing your education while being a Navy dependent?

KW: The main challenge was remaining in the same location as my Navy spouse during the three-year degree program. I took extra courses and completed a summer judicial internship in order to graduate one semester early; nonetheless, during my final semester of law school, my husband and I lived apart as he was required to report to his next duty station before my degree requirements were met. In addition, I commuted nearly an hour to and from school so that we could live close to the Naval Station. Now that I have completed school, the biggest challenge to pursuing a career as an attorney is the frequent moves that military life requires. Because an attorney must be licensed in each state in which she practices, I will need to take multiple bar exams in order to continue practicing law wherever my husband is stationed.

WOASF: What words of wisdom do you have for other dependents that may be facing similar challenges as they pursue their education?

KW: REACH YOUR GOALS!! It is so difficult as a Navy spouse to put your own educational and career goals first. Your spouse's career necessarily comes first, but it is still possible to attain your own goals. There are now so many programs that enable people to pursue degrees online or through long-distance programs. As soon as you find out where you will next be stationed, research the schools in the area (as well as whether you qualify for in-state tuition) and think about applying before you move. That way you are more likely to complete your degree during the time that your husband is stationed in that place. It will be much easier not to resent the fact that the military always comes first in your life if you have been able to carve out and achieve individual goals for yourself.

2010 Scholarship Program Begins!

We are pleased to begin our 2010 scholarship year, and are looking to spread the word around the Navy. Pre-qualification forms will be posted Oct 15th, so all interested high school seniors and undergraduate college students should check our website for the form and requirements for eligibility. The deadline for this form is March 1, however we do not recommend people wait that long. These should be completed as soon as possible, since the service member's record must be reviewed to ensure they have the requisite service in aviation commands. Once a student is pre-qualified, they will receive our full application, which is due April 1. Students will provide information on their accomplishments for the past 4 years, as well as provide letters of recommendation and school transcripts. Our scholarship selection board is always impressed with our applicants, and works hard to choose our recipients each year.



*Joshua Rolon
receives the
Raytheon
Scholarship
presented by
Wayne Savage at
the Wings Over
America
Scholarship
Foundation
2009-2010
Scholarship
Reception*

Campaign Corner

The Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation's annual campaign is underway. Although it has been reported that annual giving is down in the U.S., individual donors still made over 85% of the charitable gifts nationwide in 2008. Unfortunately, personal donations to WOASF were only 16% of WOASF's total contributions last year. WOASF needs our individual donors more than ever.

Since 1987 WOASF has awarded over \$375,000 in scholarships to deserving students. Through your help, we have been able to make an impact to hundreds of students as they pursue their college educations. However, with the rising cost of tuition and fees, it is increasingly difficult for students to fund their educations. The strategic vision of WOASF calls for adding renewable scholarships to our existing 40, yearly scholarships. Our plan is to add one, four year, renewable scholarship for the next ten years. We hope to award nearly \$83,000 in scholarships yearly. To begin to meet that objective we are launching our most ambitious annual campaign yet, with a goal of \$75,000. In order to do that, we need your help.

WOASF is growing every year and taking on more challenges. In order to meet those challenges, we need to increase our individual donations by 10% each year for the next 10 years. In addition to adding more fundraising events, we need the support of our donors as well. You can help in a variety of ways. First, consider increasing your annual, tax deductible donation. Second, ask your employer's human resource department if they participate in matching gifts of their employees' charitable donations. Third, consider us in your "planned giving". We can create a memorial scholarship in a loved one's name that will be a lasting tribute to them. Finally, spread the word! We are a small foundation competing for donations. You can take pride in knowing that 100% of all money donated to the annual campaign funds the WOASF scholarships. The more people that know about Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation, the better and the more likely we will be able to attain our financial goals.

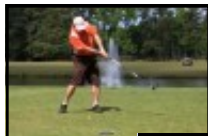
Of course we cannot forget our corporate donors. Without them, WOASF would not be able to reach our yearly fundraising goals. WOASF is fortunate to have such dedicated corporate partners (listed on our donor page) that consistently provide support to our foundation and ultimately our students.

Wings Over America looks forward to a great year with wonderful donors. We know that together we can greatly impact the lives of our students as they pursue their undergraduate education.



***Rebecca Tengredi receives the USS WASP Scholarship presented by then Commanding Officer, CAPT Dan Fil-
lion. Erin Cassidy (escorted by her parents) receives the Northrop Grumman Scholarship
presented by John Griffing at the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation
2009-2010 Scholarship Reception***

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Annual Golf Tournament a Huge Success

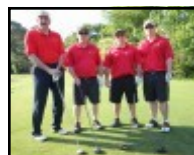
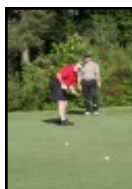
The WOASF annual East Coast Golf Tournament was a huge success this year. Held once again at NAS Oceana Aeropines Golf Course, golfers couldn't have asked for a nicer spring day to play. Nearly two hundred and fifty golfers filled both the Tomcat and Hornet courses. We also had dozens of wonderful volunteers from local spouses' groups.

Northrop Grumman was the title sponsor and platinum sponsors included Raytheon, Lockheed, Martin, Boeing, Booz Allen Hamilton and Pratt & Whitney. Other sponsorships included Beach Ford, Geico, Whitney, Bradley and Brown, Navy Federal Credit Union, First Command, Farm Fresh, Southwest Airlines, Rockbottom Golf, Southern Screen Graphics and Retro Café on 24th.

This year WOASF issued a "command challenge" and rewarded the command with the most golfers with a named scholarship for the command. While VFA-15 had a great showing, COMNAVAIRLANT and the USS WASP tied for first place with seven teams each. "I am so proud that COMNAVAIRLANT can support such a worthy cause as Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation and we are excited to have such a great showing for the golf tournament", commented RADM Rich O'Hanlon, Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic. CAPT Dan Fillion, the USS WASP commanding officer, was delighted that a scholarship would be named in honor of the USS WASP, an amphibious assault ship.

Over 75 prizes were awarded with the Red Rippers of VFA-11 taking first place on the Hornet course and USS WASP Team 5 on the Tomcat course. Other teams awards included SCFTL2 and USS WASP Team 3. Individual winners included David Varney and Dean Farmer for longest drive and Pat Mazach and LT Busch for the closest to the pin.

Mark your calendars for next year's tournament to be held Friday, May 28, 2010 at NAS Oceana.



"I am so proud that COMNAVAIRLANT can support such a worthy cause as Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation and we are excited to have such a great showing for the golf tournament."
-ADM Rich O'Hanlon

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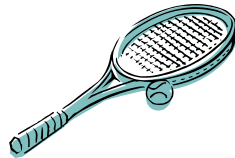
In a first-ever cooperative fund-raiser, the Anchor Scholarship, Dolphin Scholarship, and our own Wings Over America will unite to host an indoor tennis tournament December 4-6, 2009.

Old Dominion University's Folkes- Stevens Indoor Center will be ours for the weekend. We will have doubles teams competing for the 1st place trophy as well as bragging rights for the community with the best results over the 3-day tournament. Points for each team participating, as well as points for advancement, will add up to crown a community winner.

Sign up for your bracket – Men's or Ladies doubles in the 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0+ categories. Spots are limited because of court space, so sign up early! Check out our website, e-mail tennis@dolphinscholarship.org or call 757-671-3200 ext 113 for more information.

Want to help?

Volunteers are always welcome, e-mail or call the office to pass along your contact information. Want to Sponsor? Sponsor a court for \$200, includes a courtside banner. Other sponsorship levels available



Top 10 Ways to Donate to WOASF!

10. **Attend an event** being held to support WOASF – **The Naval Aviation Officers' Spouses- Hampton Roads Silent Auction, NAS Oceana, October 14, 2009.**

9. **Host** an event to sponsor WOASF – Silent Auction, Chili Cook-off, Golf Outing

8. **Play** in the annual golf tournament – May 28, 2010 NAS Oceana Aeropines Golf Course

7. **Be a Sponsor** of the Annual Golf Tournament

6. **Ask your company to make a Matching Gift** – see our website for a list of known companies that match donations or visit your company's Human Resources Office.

5. **Celebrate with Us** – celebrate a milestone birthday or anniversary, a retirement or change of command with a named scholarship.

4. **Leave a "Living Legacy"** to Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation in your will.

3. **Donate through CFC** – (VA CFC #86767)

2. **Donate online** – at www.wingsoveramerica.us Now accepting paypal and car donations on-line.

1. **Mail a check** today payable to **WOASF** to us at: **4966 Euclid Rd. Suite 109, Virginia Beach, VA 23462**

Steve Brennan of Boeing Corporation presents a donation check to Christine Wilson, Development Director, and Eileen O'Hanlon, CEO of WOASF



Tom Burbage, President of Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Systems, presents a donation check to Deb Kilcline, WOASF Executive Director - Pacific



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CALENDAR NOTES

2009 OCT 14 The Naval Aviation Officers Spouses of Hampton Roads Auction will be held at NAS Oceana O-club. The event will begin at 5:00 and end at 8:00 and is a couples event.

OCT 16-18 WOASF will have a tent at the NAS Oceana Air Show

DEC 4-6 WOASF is partnering with Anchor and Dolphin scholarship foundations to host a Grand Slam for Scholars Tennis Tournament at ODU tennis center.

2010 MAR 1 Scholarship Pre-Qualification Deadline

APR 1 Scholarship Application Deadline

MAY 28 WOASF Golf Tournament-NAS Oceana

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