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Fall 2025



Jamie Zinsmeyer, the first Wendell & Doris Rogers Endowed Renewable Scholarship recipient, graduates.

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Message from the WOASF Chairman of the Board Greg "Fence" Fenton, Rear Admiral (ret.)

As the new Chairman of the Board for Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation, I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself and share my thoughts on the incredible things that our organization does to provide opportunities to deserving scholarship recipients. I spent over 33 years with the United States Navy, flying FA-18 Hornet and Super Hornet aircraft and conducting the Navy's flight tests of the X-35C Joint Strike Fighter. I also commanded USS Denver (LPD-9) and USS George Washington (CVN-73), both forward-deployed from Japan.

My career concluded as Commander, U.S. Naval Forces/Navy Region Japan, but my opportunity to continue serving came when I joined the WOASF Board a couple of years ago. Thanks to the efforts of Denby Starling and the WOASF board members, I know I am continuing to serve a very well-run organization devoted to providing scholarship opportunities to eligible people associated with the greater Naval Aviation community.

My wife Christine and I have two sons, both out of college and doing their own things now. Our youngest son was a recipient of a WOASF scholarship, which helped him pursue his undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech. Having personally witnessed the positive impact of a WOASF scholarship, I am convinced that providing opportunities for helping to fund advanced education is a great way to support our warfighters and their families while they continue in service to our Navy and our nation.

What can you do to help WOASF accomplish its goals? We are always looking for volunteers to help at our events and to read scholarship applications. We also look to regularly replenish our board. But most importantly, we are always looking to solicit the funds that provide those scholarship opportunities. If you can donate, or connect WOASF with funding resources, please do so. The written testimonials and smiles on the faces of our scholarship recipients provide you with all the feedback you need to know that your donations were well worth it!



WOASF BOARD SUMMER SOCIAL

In August, WOASF board members and their spouses came together to welcome new board members and say farewell to our former Chairman of the Board, Denby Starling. It was a good time to reflect on the legacy of leadership Denby leaves behind, express gratitude for his and his wife, Marjy's, years of dedicated service, and embrace the fresh perspectives our new members bring to the table. We had an afternoon shared with memories, and a renewed sense of purpose as we look ahead to the future of WOASF.

Greer Worley, 2025 Enterprise Scholar

My passion is to provide medical services to underprivileged residents of my community and state and provide healthcare to individuals that may not have access to quality services. I have always wanted to make a difference in people's lives, and I feel this is my true calling. I know that to reach my goal there will be many challenges and hurdles, not to mention an unfathomable financial commitment on my journey. Through scholarships like WOASF, I can concentrate more on my education and building relationships that will provide me with the solid foundation I need to not only reach my goal but thrive. This will also help relieve some of the financial stresses on my amazingly supportive parents.





Investing in the Future

WOASF Recipients Graduate from Universities throughout the United States

Brice Howe, a three-time recipient, recently graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Applied Statistics, along with a minor in Data Science. From Virginia Beach, Brice made the most of her academic journey consistently demonstrating the dedication and excellence the Wings Over America scholarship was created to support. This August, Brice will take an exciting next step as she moves to Chicago to begin her professional career. She has accepted a position as a Trader Trainee with WH Trading, where she will begin putting her education and skills into action in the fast-paced world of data science. *"I appreciate Wings Over America Foundation and its donors for their support as I continue my education and strive for future success."*



"After receiving this scholarship, I feel an intrinsic obligation to pay it forward by seizing every opportunity available to me, maintaining excellence in my pursuit of a career in finance."

Griffin Schager, a two-time award recipient from Virginia Beach, recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business and Finance from Virginia Tech. While at Tech, he was an active member of the Center Club and participated in intramural soccer, flag football, and basketball. He also dedicated his time to service, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and founding the Children's Hospital Fundraising Team, where he served as President. Griffin's passion for philanthropy began early; over the past 19 years, his running group, Team G-Force, has raised over \$50,000

for the Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters in Norfolk, Virginia. This fall, he began his career as a Deal Advisory Associate working specifically on the securitization team with KPMG in Washington, D.C. He is helping clients oversee transactions where their final assets (often loans) are packaged into securities that are sold to investors while also helping with risk management, and deal execution and regulatory compliance.

Jamie Zinsmeyer Graduates with Honors as the First Recipient of the Wendell & Doris Rogers Four-Year Renewable Scholarship

In May 2022, Jamie, of Hondo, Texas, was honored as the first recipient of the Wendell & Doris Rogers four-year renewable scholarship, created to celebrate Wendell's military service and the cherished memories he and Doris shared with friends and family—values the organization continues to uphold by supporting the education of promising students.

Jamie has now completed her undergraduate journey, graduating in just three years on May 17, 2025, from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi with a B.S. in Kinesiology. Throughout her time at TAMU-CC, Jamie exemplified dedication, leadership, and a passion for service. In fall 2024, she began her field-based experience at a middle school in Corpus Christi, where she worked in the physical education department. During the spring semester, she completed her student teaching at an elementary school, where she fully immersed herself in school activities to gain as much hands-on experience as possible.

Jamie also served as Vice President of the Kinesiology Special Olympics Club. In that role, she organized the South Texas Challenge, an event bringing together Kinesiology Clubs from TAMU-CC, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, South Texas College, and the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley. Notably, this was the first Challenge to include Special Olympic Athletes as participants in the competition.

Beyond academics and club involvement, Jamie continued working at the Dugan Wellness Center as a lifeguard and provided support across departments. She also served as a coordinator for the Islander Awakening Retreat through the Newman Catholic Center, further demonstrating her commitment to personal growth and community engagement.



"Thank you so much for helping me reach my goals with your very generous scholarship."



FROM GENEROSITY TO GRADUATION

How Donations Change Lives

WOASF depends on the generosity of our community—through endowed scholarships, corporate partnerships, individual donations, and in-kind support. Every contribution, no matter the size or form, plays a vital role in helping us empower the next generation of scholars. Whether you're funding a legacy through an endowment or partnering with us to expand opportunities, your support fuels dreams and transforms lives. Together, we're building a brighter future—one student at a time.

Your generosity fuels the dreams of our scholars and honors the legacy of naval aviation families. Whether you're celebrating a milestone, honoring a loved one, or planning for the future, there are many meaningful ways to support Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation.

- **Memorials & Honorariums:** Celebrate and Remember. Mark life's meaningful moments with a gift that lasts. Consider celebrating a birthday, anniversary, retirement, change of command, or honoring the memory of a loved one, with a tribute supporting the future of our scholars. Let your legacy inspire theirs.
- **Sponsorship Opportunities:** Support education while showcasing your commitment to community. WOASF hosts a variety of events throughout the year to raise scholarship funds. Sponsorships range from \$250 to \$10,000, offering visibility and impact.
- **Matching Gifts:** Multiply Your Impact. Many employers offer matching gift programs that can double or even triple your donation. First, ask your HR department about matching gifts. Then indicate your company's program when donating online and your generosity goes further with just a few extra steps.
- **Gifts of Stocks, Securities & Other Assets:** Donating appreciated assets is a powerful way to support WOASF while enjoying potential tax benefits. To learn more about how to make a gift of securities, please contact our office directly.
- **Planned Giving:** Leave a Legacy. Include WOASF in your estate planning and create a lasting impact for future generations. Naming WOASF as a beneficiary is simple and meaningful. Let your legacy be one of opportunity and education.
- **Funding a Named Scholarship:** Create a personal or corporate legacy by funding a scholarship in your name or in honor of someone special:

- \$5,000 Donation: One-Year Honorary or Memorial Scholarship
- \$20,000 Donation: Four-Year Renewable Scholarship
- \$125,000 Donation (over 5 years): Endowed Perpetual Renewable Scholarship

CURRENT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS
Wendell and Doris Rogers Memorial
VADM Ross and Deidre Myers
LT Paul R. Fridley Memorial
Irwin & Frankie Edenzon
WOASF Founders

For me, receiving a 2025 Wings Over America Scholarship means thanking my family for their service to the military, the country, and to me by lightening the financial burden of university education. In this way, I can not only thank my father for the twenty years he spent as a Naval Aviator by helping to pay for my own education, but I can also thank him with this scholarship that is specifically designed to honor patriots and service people like him.



Lillian Kibler



Austin Wade

I am very thankful to Wings Over America for this investment in my education and future. Your support gives me the freedom to focus better on my goals of attending medical school and someday becoming a pediatric endocrinologist or neurologist. I am committed to giving back through a career in medicine, where I hope to serve veterans and their families who deserve nothing but the best care.

Multiply Your Gift Maximize Your Legacy

Donor Advised Funds

Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs) are charitable giving accounts that allow individuals to make contributions, receive immediate tax deductions, and recommend grants to charities over time.

✔ **GIVE – Make a Tax-Deductible Donation:** Open a Giving Account with a sponsoring organization and contribute assets like cash, publicly traded stocks, non-public assets (e.g. private business interests, cryptocurrency, real estate).

✚ **GROW – Grow Your Donation, Tax-Free:** While you decide which charities to support, your contributions can be **invested** in available portfolios. Any growth is tax-free, increasing the potential amount you can grant to charities later.

♥ **GRANT – Support Charities You Love, On Your Timeline:** You recommend grants from your Giving Account to qualified 501(c)(3) charities – anytime, now or later. You control the timing and amount of donations, and your support can go to a wide range of causes: local, national, or international.

Source: Investopedia

Donate with Ease: Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs)

An Electronic Funds Transfers is a digital payment method that allows donations to be transferred directly between bank accounts, eliminating the need for physical checks or cash. EFT is a faster, more secure, and cost-effective way to manage financial transactions, with funds reaching your organization quickly and reliably.

Donating using EFT offers convenience allowing you to donate from anywhere, anytime, without writing checks or visiting the bank. It also reduces the risk of lost or stolen checks and minimizes the exposure of your financial information. EFTs are processed quickly, ensuring your donation reaches the charity promptly and allows you to easily track your donations for tax purposes with electronic records.



"I want to especially acknowledge my dad who served for 30 years in the United States Navy as a Naval Aviator and has always done everything to encourage me to be the best version of myself that I could be. I am forever grateful that organizations like Wings Over America exist to help military dependents, like me, afford a higher education."

Hannah Hayes,
Jennifer Cunningham Yeats
Memorial Scholar



Donating Appreciated Assets

Donating appreciated stock and mutual fund shares offers a highly effective way for higher-income investors to not only reduce their taxes but also give more to the causes and communities that are important to them.

As with most charitable contributions, donors can deduct the full fair market value of their gift from their taxable income. Perhaps even more compelling, is the opportunity to avoid paying the long-term capital gains taxes—which apply to investments held for more than one year—that would be due if simply sold.

In the case of highly appreciated assets, these tax savings may exceed the amount initially paid for the investment. This creates the ability to give more. By donating stock, some donors may be able to give 20 to 40 percent more than if they sold the stock, paid taxes on their profits, and then donated. It is a winning proposition for both donors and nonprofit organizations.

Source: Charity Navigator



Benjamin Albus, WOASF Scholar

"Receiving the Wings Over America Scholarship means much more than just a helping hand through my college financial journey, but rather, it shows me that others believe in me and are rooting for my success. It has also given me a sense of responsibility. I know I'm not just investing in myself but I'm honoring the extraordinary generosity of those who made this opportunity possible."

Join the Flight Club – Elevate Futures Every Month

Every donation counts, and when you give monthly, you become part of a powerful community fueling the dreams of navy aviation dependents. The **Flight Club** is your chance to make a lasting impact—one month at a time.

Primary Circle: \$10/mo.

Intermediate Circle: \$25/mo.

Advanced Circle: \$50/mo.

Wings of Gold Circle: \$100/mo.



"This generous scholarship will help to alleviate the financial burden of college and allow me to focus more on my education and career. Thank you again for supporting and investing in my future, goals, and success. —Reid Barlow



REFLECTING ON SERVICE: Denby & Marjy Starling

June 12, 2025, VADM Denby Starling, USN (Ret.), called his final meeting to order, marking the close of his six-year tenure as WOASF's Chairman of the Board. His leadership over the past six years has been marked by integrity, growth, and a steadfast dedication to our mission. But Denby's commitment to WOASF stretches back much further than his time at the helm.

Denby's connection to Wings Over America began through his wife, Marjy Starling, who served as Executive Director from 2004-2007 during the Foundation's early years. She played a pivotal role in enhancing WOASF's fundraising capabilities—organizing successful events like golf tournaments and securing critical support from local defense contractors, retired Flag aviators, and aviation-serving businesses. Her efforts were instrumental in the Foundation's incorporation as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Virginia. Marjy continued her commitment to the mission by serving on the board from 2010 to 2016.

Denby was invited to join the board in May 2018 by then-Chairman RADM Rich O'Hanlon. Just over a year later, in August 2019, Denby assumed the role of Chairman. Under his leadership, WOASF saw significant progress including increasing scholarship award amounts from \$3,800 to \$5,000 and modernizing the application process by upgrading to the Kaleidoscope platform in 2023.

Board Member Deidre Meyers, who served from 2019 to 2025, reflected on Denby's leadership:

"I had the pleasure of serving on the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors during the tenure of Board Chairman Denby Starling. His steady hand at the helm guided the foundation through a global pandemic and the uncertainty that accompanied it. Denby never wavered in focusing the Board of Directors on the stated mission of Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation, guiding the foundation through fluid times in an ever-changing world."

On behalf of the entire WOASF staff and board, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and warmest wishes to Denby and Marjy as they embark on their next chapter. Their dedication, vision, and compassion have left an indelible mark on our organization and the many families we serve. Denby leaves us with this reflection:

"As I have noted many times in the past, our children received scholarships from Wings, so it was a tremendous opportunity for me to pay it forward. I am so impressed with how Wings has matured since Marjy was the ED back in 2004, growing from rather humble beginnings to having now awarded millions of dollars in scholarships to deserving students. I look forward to watching and maybe being a small part of its continued success."

Thank you, Denby and Marjy, for your enduring service and extraordinary legacy.



Rising College Costs Can Compound the Burden for Military Families

College tuition, fees, and living expenses continue to climb, and when two or more children are enrolled simultaneously, the financial strain can be overwhelming. Families often face difficult choices, such as taking on additional debt or compromising on school selection. Wings Over America Scholarships have been taking off some of the financial burden facing families since 1987. Siblings Lauren and Jackson Adams from Walla Walla, Washington are multiple year recipients of WOASF scholarships.

Lauren, a 3-time recipient, is in her senior year at Washington University in St. Louis. These scholarships have allowed her to focus on her biomedical engineering classes as well as take advantage of opportunities offered on and off campus. *"As the daughter and granddaughter of Naval Aviators, receiving this scholarship is especially meaningful. To be recognized by an organization that recognizes and serves military families reinforces the values of service and dedication that I learned from my father and grandfather. Thank you to the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation and all your donors. Your support has helped shape my college journey and inspires me to work even harder to be deserving of this award. I am honored to be a scholarship recipient and proud to represent the WOASF community."*

Jackson is a mechanical engineering major in his junior year at the University of Washington. With the support of three scholarship awards, he has been able to balance academics with competing on his university's sailing team, designing and building personal projects, and working for a National Laboratory. *"Growing up in a military family has taught me the value of hard work, discipline, and service. I'm excited to keep growing and, one day, use what I've learned to give back, whether through engineering solutions, public service, or helping the next generation the way Wings Over America has helped me."*



-2025 RECIPIENTS-

COLLEGE RECIPIENTS

Lauren Adams

Walla Walla, WA
CAPT Brad Johanson USN, (Ret.)
Scholar

Hannah Carmen

Vienna, VA
Raytheon Scholar

James Cummings

Virginia Beach, VA
VADM Chip & Ellen Miller Scholar

Gabrielle Falgout

Murfreesboro, TN
Newport News Shipbuilding, a
division of HII Scholar

Tyler Frostad

Norfolk, VA
2 Circle Incorporated Scholar

Jennesa Gonzalez*

Corcoran, CA
Wendell & Doris Rogers Scholar

Catherine Gregory*

Coronado, CA
San Diego Padres Foundation
Scholar

Mia Grieco

Chesapeake, VA
RADM Jack Godlewski Memorial
Scholar

Madison Hanrahan

Chesapeake, VA
Northrop Grumman Scholar

Benjamin Harms*

Leonardtown, MD
Turk Green Scholar

Madison Jackson

College Station, TX
VADM Mike & Peg Shoemaker
Scholar

Lillian Kibler

Hollywood, MD
Wings Over America Scholar

Mackenzie Mayer

Moab, UT
TWF: Aircrew of Lion 43
Memorial Scholar

Devin McCall

Virginia Beach, VA
Jennifer Cunningham Yeats
Memorial Scholar

Gwendolyn Moore*

Yorktown, VA
WOASF Volunteers Scholar

Allison Orchard-Hays*

Virginia Beach, VA
LT Paul R. Fridley Memorial
Scholar

Ava Ospina*

Arlington, VA
WOASF Founders Scholar

Anna Primozic

Springfield, VA
Wings Over America Scholar

Erin Runkle*

Pennsburg, PA
Irwin & Frankie Edenzon Scholar

Ella Simone

El Paso, TX
The Boeing Company Scholar

Daniel Ulrich*

Leonardtown, MD
Ross & Deidre Myers Scholar

Calliope Warren

Butler, KY
TWF: LT Richard Max Bullock
Memorial Scholar

Greer Worley

North Augusta, SC
USS Enterprise Scholar

SPOUSE RECIPIENT

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Broken Arrow, OK
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Scholar

HIGH SCHOOL RECIPIENTS

Benjamin Albus

Goode, VA
Wings Over America Scholar

Reid Barlow

Fayetteville, GA
Wings Over America Scholar

Jack Carlin

Uxbridge, MA
Wings Over America Scholar

Sofia Carrillo

Hollywood, MD
Scholars Take Flight Scholar

Mia Cassetta

Hollywood, MD
Newport News Shipbuilding, a
division of HII Scholar

Keagan Claffy

Bluffton, SC
Wings Over America Scholar

Michael Collins

Virginia Beach, VA
CAVU Construction Scholar

Allison Conliffe

Louisville, KY
TWF: Aircrew of Loosefoot 616
Memorial Scholar

Sofi Cook

Lakeland, MN
TWF: Aircrew of Blackbird 207
Memorial Scholar

Abby Doyle

Knoxville, TN
VADM Richard "Sweetpea" Allen
Memorial Scholar

Grace Doyle

Knoxville, TN
VADM Michael & Janet Malone
Scholar

Ava Froberg

Great Lakes, IL
Wings Over America Scholar

Hannah Hayes

Washington, DC
Jennifer Cunningham Yeats
Memorial Scholar

Andrew Hockran

Atsugi, Japan
Wings Over America Scholar

Grant Kurtz

Coronado, CA
TWF: LT Nathan Poloski Memorial
Scholar

Shenan Lewis

Virginia Beach, VA
First Command Educational
Foundation Scholar

Avia Marusich

Denver, CO
Wings Over America Scholar

Cayleigh Marzluff

Fairfax Station, VA
Wings Over America Scholar

Elizabeth Myers

Reno, NV
Tailhook Scholar

Samantha Neidhold

Virginia Beach, VA
Abby Furco Memorial Scholar

Isabella Palladino

Virginia Beach, VA
Wings Over America Scholar

Arielle Plott

Danville, KY
Wings Over America Scholar

Andrew Powers

Papillion, NE
Wings Over America Scholar

Elizabeth "Libby" Schiaffino

Arlington, VA
TWF: LT Hyrum Hanlon
Memorial Scholar

Ryan Schimenti

Arlington, VA
Wings Over America Scholar

Sonria Rheiglenn Simanski

Chula Vista, CA
VADM Jim & Kathie Zortman
Scholar

Austin Wade

Prospect, TX
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics
Scholar

Lydia Wilkinson

Lansing, MI
Veterans United Foundation
Scholar

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WOASF HAPPENINGS

June 9, 2025: WOASF Recognition Reception Sewells Point, Norfolk, VA



April 4, 2025: "A Day for Wings" Golf Tournament Sewells Point Golf Course, Norfolk

Fleet Level: \$10,000
Newport News Shipbuilding,
a division of HII

Strike Group Level: \$5,000
CAVU International

Wing Level: \$1,000
770 Lynnhaven, LLC

Squadron Level: \$500
Beach Ford
Mile One Automotive / Hall Toyota

Hole Sponsor: \$250
Dolphin International
Lendy's Café
RADM Thomas A. Meinicke Memorial



With this support, I am better positioned to pursue my goal of becoming a licensed engineer and contributing meaningfully to the engineering field. This scholarship reinforces my motivation to succeed and serves as a positive example for others from similar backgrounds. —Tyler Frostad, 2 Circle Incorporated Scholar

April 23, 2025: WOASF Happy Hour Coronado VFW Hall

Sponsored by:

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March 7, 2025: Cocktails & Culture The Gala 417, Virginia Beach, VA an evening of art, music and bidding fun



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