



The Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

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Sponsor: Captain Ian Lilyquist

College: Virginia Polytechnic and State University

2025-2026: Sophomore

Major: Mechanical Engineering with Naval Engineering
minor

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Sailing Club Virginia Tech & HS Sailing Team
- Intramural Sports
- Galileo Living Learning Community, Volunteer
- Sailing Center Chesapeake Sailing Instructor
- Special Olympics Maryland Unified Partner, Volunteer



I'm so incredibly grateful to be receiving a scholarship from the Maritime Patrol Association! It allows me to continue my college endeavors at Virginia Tech both in terms of academics and extracurriculars. I'll be a Sophomore in Mechanical Engineering this year and will begin working on my minor in Naval Engineering. In addition to this I'm the Race Captain for the Sailing Club at Virginia Tech, running practices each week and leaving, many weekends out of the semester, to go to regattas where we compete against a wide range of other colleges along the east coast.

Growing up in a military family isn't always the easiest but overall has been quite a blessing when I consider all the amazing experiences I've had and people I've met. The Navy community has always been super supportive and even now, that I've gone off to college, it's no different. I truly can't thank the donors to the MPA scholarship enough!