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VVOSA Merit Scholar

Alden Slutz

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Sponsor: CDR Damon Slutz

College: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2026-2027: Freshman

Major: Biology

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Varsity Cross Country/Track Runner
- Running Works Club President
- Athlete Advisory Board
- Take On Sports Buddy Volunteer
- Freelance Painting & Mulcher
- Medical Shadowing



It's my dream to become a military physician. My grandfather was a doctor, and my grandmother was a nurse in the Air Force during Vietnam, and my dad was a Naval Aviator who flew C2s. Growing up on military bases and being shaped by their service has inspired me to want to serve our country and sparked my interest in a career in medicine.

This fall, I will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a Biology major where I will have the opportunity to continue learning about what I love. The VVOSA Merit scholarship will allow me to take this next step toward making my dream become a reality by financially supporting me as I continue along my career path. It will allow me to pursue other interests throughout college including research and volunteering opportunities. One day, I hope to inspire the next generation to serve our country just as my dad and grandparents did for me. Thank you to VVOSA and Wings Over America for making that possible!