



WOASF Founders Scholar

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Sponsor: CAPT Leslie W Boyer III

College: Yale University

2025-2026: Senior

Major: Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biologies
with minors in Spanish and Global Health

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Yale Emergency Medical Services
- HAVEN Free Clinic
- Research in Contraception and Women's Health
- Research in Surgical Oncology
- Running Club
- Biology Peet Tutor
- STEM Peer Mentor



I feel extremely fortunate to be academically and financially supported by a community that has served as an integral part of my life. Growing up around the influence of the military has made me aware of the role the government plays in Americans' lives. As my family moved between rural, urban, and international towns, I've gained many perspectives on how different communities are impacted by violence, inequality, and social and political instability. The exposure to these experiences has inspired me to integrate a focus on racial and economic health disparities into my career and education. I am deeply grateful that the Wings Over America Scholarship Fund will help me to pursue an education in health inequities in college and to be surrounded by people who I can learn and grow from.

The Wings Over America Foundation, all of its supporters, and my fellow peers who are being honored by these scholarships will undoubtedly inspire me throughout my educational pursuits, at both high and low points. Their support and recognition is invaluable to me. Seeing the dedication and strength that the military community demonstrates inspires me to display these traits in my work and in my own life. I hope to honor and give back to the military community as a recipient of a Wings Over America scholarship.