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VVOSA Merit Scholar

Addison Gilbert

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College: University of California Davis

2026-2027: Junior

Major: Political Science - Public Service with a Minor Psychology

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Water Polo Teams
- Swim Team
- School Newspaper: Associate Editor
- Brian Bent Memorial Aquatics Complex Lead Lifeguard
- Employed by UC Davis Athletics Facilities
- Our Military Kids Volunteer



Receiving a VVOSA Merit Scholarship means so much to me. It makes pursuing my education, and my dream career, easier. I am a Political Science major at UC Davis with big dreams of helping people and making our country a better place. I want to use my degree to pursue law school and become a lawyer. Within my degree, I have two fields of focus: international relations and public policy. Both have been influenced by my childhood as a military kid. Growing up, I was always more aware than many of my peers about policy, government, and the importance of international relations. Going to UC Davis is also about more than just academics for me. I get to play water polo, a sport I am passionate about, make lifelong friendships and connections, and have access to many support systems to set me up for success in my career after graduation. Having help to reach this lifelong goal of mine is something I am beyond grateful for. I am so thankful for the donors who made this possible and I cannot wait to continue taking interesting classes and learning more that will help set me up for success in my future.