# Abby Furco Memorial Scholar



## Kelsie Manugo

Virginia Beach, VA

Sponsor: Vice Admiral John Mazach

College: University of Mary Washington

2026-2027: Freshman

Major: Communications & Digital Media

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- National English & Spanish Honor Society
- Princess Anne Newspaper: The Page
- Outdoors Club, Co-Founder
- Varsity Field Hockey, Captain
- Plaza Middle School Field Hockey Assistant Coach
- VBCPS Gifted Community Advisory Committee
- Works at Westminster Canterbury Senior Living on the Chesapeake Bay

I have immense gratitude to serve as a Wings Over America Scholarship recipient. My grandfather is a highly successful retired Naval Aviator, but I have only known him as “Gramps.” Even as a grandfather, he represents the very best of the military, with innate humility and utmost respect for others. His success has inspired me to pursue my goals and, hopefully, provide as much pride to my family as he does to us. My grandmother has also significantly influenced me, as her dedication to her husband, the United States Navy, and her family has modeled an unbreakable commitment that inspires me daily. My love of family and dedication to hard work in academics, athletics, and service have grown from the foundation my grandparents built for us. This scholarship will allow me to explore my passions and open opportunities for my future. I will also continue as a student-athlete collegiately, an exciting opportunity to showcase my dedication to my sport. I am extremely appreciative of this recognition and all that it represents, and I will continue to pursue my passions in a way that honors not only my grandfather but also service members and the foundation as a whole.