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VVOSA Merit Scholar

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College: West Virginia University

2026-2027: Sophomore

Major: Engineering

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- WVU Society of Mechanical Engineers
- T Club Volunteer
- High School Baseball & Golf
- National Honor Society



I am truly grateful to receive the VAW/VRC Merit Scholarship through the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation. I have worked hard throughout my academic career to achieve the goal of attending college and pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering, and this recognition means a great deal to me. Freshman year was challenging and I am looking forward to being a sophomore and continuing to work hard and move on to the next stage of my degree.

What makes this especially meaningful is that it not only acknowledges my efforts but also honors my father's service in the US Navy. I am thankful to have been able to grow up listening to stories of his service and learning the values of discipline and perseverance. I understand that donors are individuals who care enough to volunteer their time and money to support these scholarships and want to personally thank them for that. The financial support and encouragement allow me to focus on my education and continue striving for excellence. I am sincerely thankful for this investment in my future.