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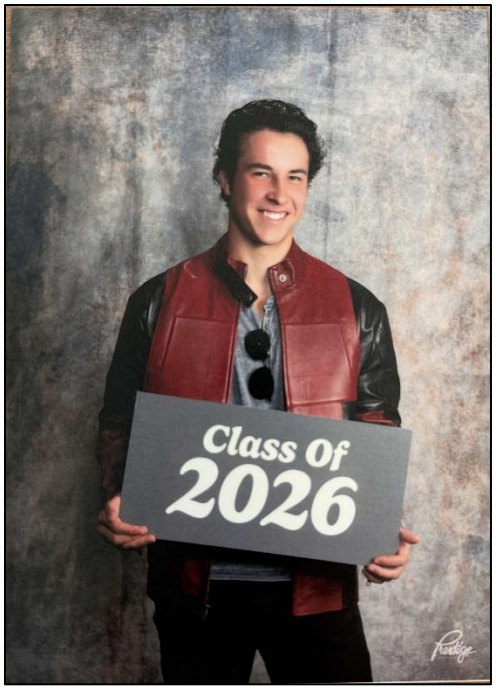
College: University of Missouri

2026-2027: Freshman

Major: Biology/Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- E.E. Brickell Scholar
- Math, Spanish, and National Honor Societies
- Varsity Soccer, Captain
- Beach FC Club Soccer Team
- Math, Spanish, and National Honor Societies
- Virginia Beach Veterinary Hospital, Volunteer & Job Shadowing
- Beach FC Soccer Referee



It is my honor to be selected as a Wings Over America Scholar. Becoming a competitive student in 2026 is a profound accomplishment for any graduate, and doing so with the added challenges of military life is truly something to be recognized. I would like to congratulate all applicants on representing our military heritage and the spirit of perseverance, love, and sacrifice that we embrace and share within our communities.

Receiving scholarship aid has allowed me to commit to my first-choice university, University of Missouri or “Mizzou,” and accept a position within their Pre-Veterinary Medicine Scholars Program. I have wanted to be a veterinarian from the age of four and am now one huge step closer. It is my hope to take the skills that I have learned from the military to successfully connect within diverse personalities and cultures to Mizzou where I plan to continue my service passions for both animals and conservation while championing the idea of paying forward opportunity. I will lead by example the principles of giving maximum effort, surrounding yourself with people who challenge you, and working to enrich the community as you better yourself. Thank you for aiding my American dream.