



Irwin and Frankie Edenzon Scholar

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College: Marywood University

2025-2026: Sophomore

Major: Communication Sciences and Disorders

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- MU Dance Team
- Zeta Phi Delta
- MU Speech and Hearing Club
- Campus Ministries Volunteer
- Student Engagement Club



Being a Wings Over America Scholar continues to be one of the greatest honors of my academic journey. Now completing my first year at Marywood University as a Communication Sciences and Disorders major, I've experienced firsthand how deeply this scholarship has supported me, not just financially, but emotionally as well. Knowing that there is a community that believes in me, one that honors my father's service in the U.S. Navy, has given me strength and motivation throughout this transitional year. College life has challenged me in new ways, both academically and personally, but it has also confirmed that I'm exactly where I need to be. My passion for speech-language pathology has only grown as I've learned more about the diverse populations I hope to serve, from children with developmental delays to adults recovering from strokes or injuries. I look forward to continuing in the 3+2 master's program at Marywood University, more driven than ever to make a difference. I am beyond grateful to the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation for their continued support. You have invested in my future, and I promise to honor that investment with hard work, dedication, and purpose.