



Jennifer Cunningham Yeats Memorial Scholar

Hannah Hayes

Washington, District of Columbia

Sponsor: CAPT John Hayes

College: Pennsylvania State University

2025-2026: Freshman

Major: Business

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- USAG Excel Gymnastics
- Travel Soccer Player, NCSL League
- Dive Team
- Spanish Club President
- Jill's House Volunteer
- Soccer Referee



Receiving the 2024 Wings Over America scholarship is a great honor. Education has a huge importance in my family, and this scholarship will help me achieve my greatest potential as I pursue higher education. I am so excited to start my next chapter at Penn State this fall. I am excited to meet new people, gain new experiences, and learn what it is like to live away from home on my own. Of course, none of this would have been possible without my parents' hard work and dedication to offering me the best education opportunities and extracurricular activities. I want to especially acknowledge my dad who served for 30 years in the United States Navy as a Naval Aviator and has always done everything to encourage me to be the best version of myself that I could be. I am so excited to begin classes at Penn State this fall and continue my academic career. I am forever grateful that organizations like Wings Over America exist to help military dependents, like me, afford a higher education.