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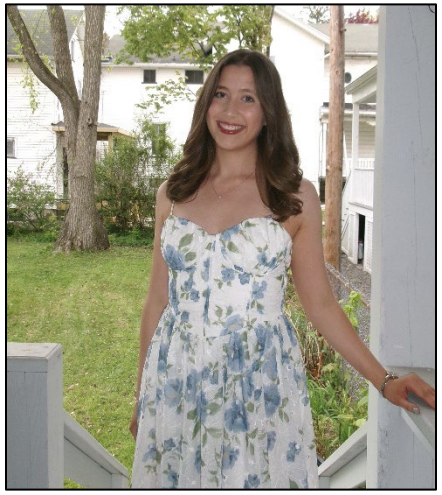
College: Marywood University

2026-2027: Senior

Major: Communication Sciences & Disorders

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- MU Speech and Hearing Club, Treasurer
- MU Dance Team, Social Media Manager
- Zeta Phi Delta member
- MU Orientation Team, Leader
- MU Student Ambassador for Admissions



Being a Wings Over America Scholar is an honor that continues to shape both my academic journey and personal growth. Now completing my sophomore year at Marywood University as a Communication Sciences and Disorders major, I have gained a deeper sense of confidence in my abilities and in the path that I am pursuing. Each semester has strengthened my commitment to becoming a speech-language pathologist and has shown me just how meaningful this work can be.

This past year, I had the opportunity to serve as Treasurer of the Speech and Hearing Club (NSSLHA), where I developed valuable leadership and organizational skills while connecting with peers who share my passion. Being involved in this organization has allowed me to grow beyond the classroom, and I am excited to continue that growth as I step into the role of Vice President next year. My coursework this year has given me a stronger foundation in understanding communication disorders and the clinical skills needed to support individuals effectively.

I remain incredibly grateful to the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation for their continued support and for honoring my father's service in the U.S. Navy. This opportunity encourages me to keep striving toward my goals, and I am committed to continuing my growth, taking on new challenges, and preparing to make a meaningful impact in the field of speech-language pathology.