VADM Jim & Kathie Zortman Scholar

Noelle Gardner

Lemoore, CA

Sponsor: PO1 John Mayfield

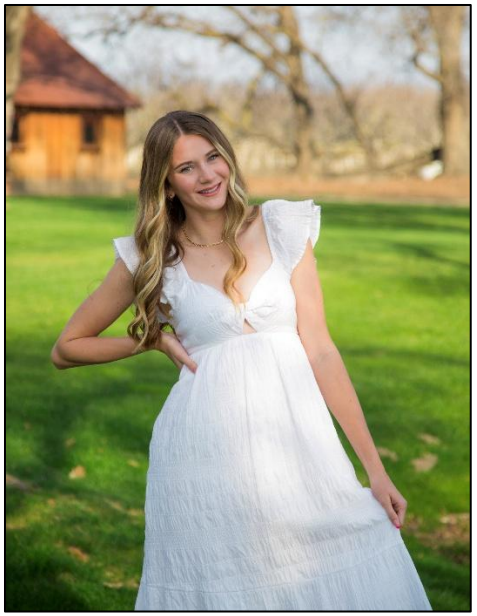
College: California State University, Bakersfield

2026-2027: Freshman

Major: Kinesiology

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Varsity Volleyball, Captain
- California Scholastic Federation (CSF) Member
- Lemoore High School Youth Volleyball Camp
- Strength and Conditioning Teacher's Assistant
- American Legion Post 100 Volunteer
- Lions Club Volunteer
- Beach Volleyball Referee and Team Member



I am deeply honored and grateful to be a recipient of the 2026 Wings Over America Scholarship. I will be attending California State University, Bakersfield, where I will play beach volleyball and pursue my goal of becoming a physician assistant. I am committed to using my education to make a meaningful impact on the health and well-being of others.

This scholarship will help ease the financial burden of college and allow me to focus fully on excelling in the classroom and as a student-athlete. I am sincerely thankful to the scholarship committee for believing in my future and investing in my education.

I would also like to recognize my grandpa, John Mayfield, for his 20 years of service and dedication to our great country, and for always being my biggest supporter. His example has inspired me, and I am proud to carry his legacy forward.