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VVOSA Merit Scholar

Ryan Schimenti

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Sponsor: CAPT Christopher Schimenti

College: Virginia Tech

2026-2027: Sophomore

Major: Pyschology & Criminology

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Juxtaposition, all male a cappella group at VA Tech
- VT Chamber Singers (Honors Choir)
- Church on Main Street Volunteer
- Arlington Public Schools Lifeguard



I am very appreciative of the support of VAW/VRC Merit Scholarship provides to children of military aviators. I have grown up admiring the determination, courage and hard work that my father exhibited while dedicating 29 years to the military. I am eager to find a career path that provides me with as much satisfaction as he found serving his country in the US Navy. The VAW/VRC scholarship bolsters me in that effort as I attend Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA and pursue two bachelor's degrees – one in Psychology and the second in Criminology. My long-term goal is to attend law school and practice criminal law. Along with pursuing my educational goals, I am a member of Juxtaposition, an all-male a cappella group at Virginia Tech and it's been an amazing experience to join other students who love to sing. The VAW/VRC scholarship program assists in offsetting the cost of tuition and provides some peace of mind knowing that I will be able to complete my degrees and carve a path forward.