Tailhook Educational Foundation Scholar

James Cummings

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Sponsor: CAPT JJ Cummings

College: Syracuse University

2026-2027: Junior

Major: Sports Analytics, Political Science with a Minor in Economics & Applied Statistics

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Syracuse Football Analytics Club Vice President
- Special Olympics Basketball: Head Coach Volunteer
- Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity Academic Chair
- Kappa Alpha Phi Professional Fraternity - Government & Pre Law
- Wavelength: Compile and analyze social media performance data
- Syracuse University Falk College Peer Ambassador, Peer Advisor, Research Assistant



After my first year at Syracuse University, I've been able to reassure myself that I made the right choice about what college to attend. I've grown tremendously as a student, leader, and person. Through joining clubs and organizations on campus, meeting new people, engaging in classes, and participating in other activities, I've made the most of my time in upstate New York. Although I originally came to Syracuse to study Sport Analytics, I recently added Political Science as a second major in my freshman year to expand my reach academically and personally. My sophomore year, I added Economics and Applied Statistics as minors. Coming to such a special place meant weighing the potential costs of attending a private, out-of-state university. Receiving this Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation scholarship allows me to ease that financial burden and continue building on my experiences as a Syracuse Orange. As the child of a Navy family, I'm honored to be part of a community that has brought me so much in life!