



VADM Chip & Ellen Miller Scholar

James Cummings

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Sponsor: CAPT JJ Cummings

College: Syracuse University

2025-2026: Sophomore

Major: Sports Analytics & Political Science

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- "Takes From the Lakes" Sports Podcast
- Syracuse Falk College Research Assistant & Peer Ambassador
- SU Baseball, Basketball, and Football Analytics Club
- Piano Player (solo and in bands)
- OrangeSeeds - First-year Leadership Empowerment Program
- Syracuse Football Film Intern



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 to expand my reach academically and personally. 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 into life!