Scholarship Foundation Announces 2017/2018 Awards

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The United States Army Warrant Officers Association Scholarship Foundation (USAWOASF) Selection Committee spent a long hard afternoon and evening working on Thursday, 15 June 2017, and completed review of the applications we received for scholarships this annual cycle. The USAWOASF Executive Board of Directors met on 3 June 2017, authorizing funding of 17 $1,500 scholarships, based on the availability of funds.

A special thank you goes to CW5 Joachim J. Consiglio, CW5 Patrick A. Francis, and CW4 (Ret) Densmore Bartly, for serving on the selection committee this year for 2017-2018 academic year awards. This is not a simple task, and it grows in complexity each year as the submissions become more detailed.

Additionally, I want to thank CW5 (Ret) Richard M. Scalzo, CW5 (Ret) Eddie Mallard, CW4 (Ret) Donald E. Hess, and CW3 Alicia Fuller for their continued service on the USAWOASF Executive Committee with me.

In addition to all of our generous Chapters, corporate sponsors, and Members, I would also like to reiterate USAWOASF’s thanks to the following benefactors of our Foundation: Corporate Partner Pentagon Federal Credit Union, the anonymous donor who set up the RAO Freedom Scholarship, the John Allnatt Foundation, the Jack B. Sacks Foundation, and the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program, for their generosity this year.

On behalf of the foundation, I would also like to thank Corporate Partner Peter Radvanyi, of Radvanyi Wealth Management, for his investment advice and assistance with USAWOASF donated funds. Between this and the continued generosity of our Members and partners, our Warrant Officer kids truly benefited this year.

We congratulate these extremely bright and motivated young people, and wish them continued success as they pursue their professional careers. All of this year’s awardees will receive $1,500 that will be mailed directly to their college or university in their name and on their behalf. Additionally, the Allnatt winners will receive an additional $500 earmarked for books and/or lab fees, courtesy of the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program.

The USAWOA Allnatt Memorial Scholarship winners are:

- Melisa Josephine Nistico
- Madison Emily Stith
- Allen Douglass Piri

The RAO Freedom Scholarship winner is:

- Joseph Daniel Giusto Jr.

The USAWOA Pentagon Federal Credit Union (PenFed) Scholarship winner is:

- Joseph Daniel Giusto Jr.

The daughter of CW5 Anthony C. Nistico. Melisa plans to attend Kansas State University. She is planning on majoring in animal science and industry with a pre-veterinarian option.

The daughter of CW4 (Ret) Richard C. Stith. Madison plans to attend the Richard Bland College of William and Mary in South Prince George, VA. She is planning on majoring in pre-nursing.

The son of CW3 Andrew C. Piri. Allen plans to attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon, TX. He is planning on majoring in pre-physical therapy.

The son of CW5 Joseph D. Giusto Sr. Joe plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC. He is planning on majoring in exercise and sports science.
The USAWOA Foundation Scholarship winners are:

**Sarah Russell Searcy**
The granddaughter of CW5 (Ret) Ernest W. Searcy. Sarah plans to attend East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. She is planning on majoring in nursing.

**Kyana Gayden**
The daughter of CW3 Sherri Gayden. Kyana plans to attend the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX. She is planning on majoring in international business.

**Caitlin Marie Rush**
The daughter of CW3 (Ret) Michael J. Rush. Caitlin plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, OK. She is planning on majoring in forensic science and criminal justice.

**Britney Nicole Buess**
The daughter of CW4 James Buess. Victoria plans to attend the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ. She is planning on majoring in biology.

**Sierra Ann Dickerson**
The granddaughter of CW4 (Ret) Clay Kelly. Sierra is transferring to Utah Valley University in Orem, UT. She is planning on majoring in communications and public relations.

**Christopher James Robison**
The son of CW3 (Ret) John Robison. Christopher plans to attend Coe College in Cedar Rapids, IA. He is planning on majoring in political science and pre-law.

**Gabrielle Elsie Hardison**
The daughter of CW4 Blake Hardison. Gabrielle plans to attend Murray State University in Murray, KY. She is planning on majoring in chemistry and pre-medicine.

**Julie Lee Pascoe**
The daughter of CW5 Jackie Pascoe. Julie plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis, MO. She is planning on majoring in violence and injury prevention.

**Timberlee Nicole Howell**
The daughter of CW4 Dwayne Howell. Timberlee plans to attend McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA. She is planning on majoring in pre-veterinary sciences and animal science.

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The USAWOA Foundation Scholarship winners are:

**Stevie Lynne Josey**
The daughter of CW3 Stephen Josey. Stevie plans to attend the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK. She is planning on majoring in health and exercise science/pre-physical therapy.

**Kyle Wilson Clemons**
The son of WO1 Jay Clemons. Kyle plans to attend Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. He is planning on majoring in finance.

**Fabiola Ester Lujan**
The daughter of CW3 Juan Lujan. Fabiola plans to attend New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NM. She is planning on majoring in criminal justice.

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