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# **2021 Scholars Selected**

ongratulations to our 2021 Scholars! This year we are excited to announce that we have chosen a total of 47 new Dolphin Scholars which includes two USS Colorado (SSN 788) Scholars, three Laura W. Bush Scholars, two USS Hampton (SSN 767) Scholars, and two USS Nautilus Scholars. All were selected not solely on their academic achievement, but also on extracurricular activities, job experience, involvement in the community, references and essays.

As always the task of selecting the recipients was challenging as all 129 eligible candidates were well qualified for the scholarship. We wish all our new scholars success in their academic careers.

Our selection committee this year was comprised of both civilians and military members of the submarine community. These members included Mrs. Jane Duffey, daughter of DSF founder; Mr. Dean Dunn, Assistant Director, Office of Research Grants at American Chemical Society and Dolphin Scholar Alum; CMDCM(SS) Jeff Hiscocks, Submarine Squadron 11; Mrs. Alice Z. Meinicke, retired submarine spouse and DSF volunteer; Mrs. Dana Richardson, former DSF Chairperson; CMDCM(SS) Raj Sodhi; Mrs. Suzanne Tofalo, former DSF Chairperson; and Mrs. Diane Williams, former Naval Officer and DSF Scholar parent.

We greatly appreciate all the time and care the committee took in selecting our new scholars!

Visit our website at www.dolphinscholarship.org to learn more about our 2021 scholars!

### **DSF Welcomes New Scholarship Administrator!!**



Reagan Bracknell is the new Scholarship Administrator at the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation. She joined the team in May and dived right into organizing and finalizing the 2021 scholarship awards.

Reagan is a Virginia Beach native and alumna of Princess Anne High School. She recently graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's degree in Modern Middle Eastern Studies. She hopes to receive a commission as an Intelligence Officer in the Navy and eventually work in a career in law or national security.

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## Congratulations to Our New 2021 Scholars

**Madison Apostolis** 

Mt. Pleasant, SC Mrs. Rosemary Adkins Scholar

Marietta Barrett

Port Orchard, WA RADM Arlington F. Campbell Scholar

**Danielle Bilotta** 

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**Ryan Tinder** 

Tuttle, OK USS Nautilus Scholar

Tetiana Tymoshevska

Goose Creek, SC

Mrs. Janice Wilkinson Scholar

### Words From Our 2021 Scholars



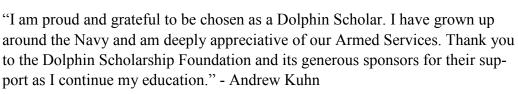
"I am very grateful and feel blessed to have received the Dolphin Scholarship. This scholarship has allowed me to continue my educational journey with the relief of financial burdens. I feel honored to be connected and represent the submarine community." - Jaela Drumgole

"To be a Dolphin Scholar is an honor. It is a testament to my years of hard work in high school as well as my heritage as part of the submarine family. I'm exceptionally grateful for this award and I hope to make the submarine community proud." - Zachary Nunez





"It takes ambition and opportunities like these to make dreams a reality. Being a Dolphin Scholar takes me another step closer to achieving my purposes and goals. This is another opportunity that can make or break my future, like being on a flight off course." - Lelani Merkle







"Being a Laura W. Bush Scholar means that my father's dedication to the Navy and our country is being paid back in order to help me go on and do great things. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity and intend to work very hard over the next four years of my education." - Madison Shaw

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Hello DSF Family,

I hope that you all are having a wonderful summer, took a great vacation or staycation, and made some cherished memories with family and friends!

Please join me in congratulating our 47 newly selected Dolphin Scholars!! Welcome to the Dolphin Scholar Alumni. I wish you all the best and great academic success in the upcoming school year.

From the DESK of the Executive Sirector

I want to acknowledge all our DSF supporters for

their unwavering support of the Dolphin Scholarship Program. Thank you for partnering with DSF in making it possible to turn dreams into reality for 114 sons, daughters, and spouses of the submarine community one scholarship at a time. Your belief in the DSF mission is greatly appreciated.

I am continuously amazed by the innovation, creativity, and dedication of the submarine community spouse groups in their fundraising efforts in support of the Dolphin Scholarship Program. Despite the many restrictions that we currently face with hosting live fundraising events, the officer and chief spouses found a way to make things happen and with great success! Their combined efforts resulted in raising over \$99,000, which greatly contributed to the over \$340,000 in scholarship funds distributed in FY 2022. To all the submarine spouse groups that made a difference, we are very grateful for your support!

A special shout out goes to the DSF Scholar Parent Association (SPA). For the second consecutive year, SPA donations have funded one Scholar Parent Association Scholarship. Thank you so much SPA parents for paying it forward!

Beginning in August 2021, DSF raised the annual scholarship award amount to \$2,100 and \$3,500, raising the maximum value of a Dolphin Scholarship from \$13,600 to \$14,000. It is our goal to eventually increase the DSF scholarship annual award to \$2,600 and \$4,000 but it must be done in an incremental and sustainable manner due to the sheer number of scholarships that the foundation awards and their renewable nature. I am confident that this goal can be reached with the continued generosity of our DSF supporters.

Until next time, stay safe and healthy everyone. Thank you again for your support and Hooyah Submarine Force!!

Andrew Clark, MBA Executive Director

### Important Scholarship Dates

Application Opens: October 1, 2021 Application Closes: March 15, 2022

Scholarship Acceptance & Renewal Forms Due: June 15, 2022

# CollegeBoard SAT Test Dates

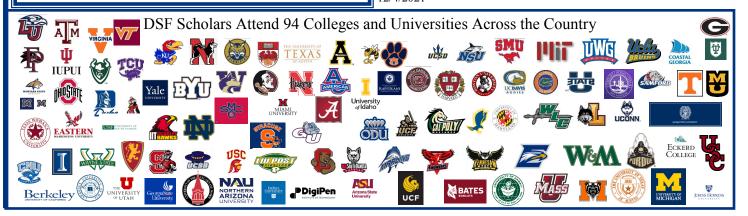
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11/6/2021 6/4/2022 App 12/4/2021 Au



2021-2022 Common Application Opens August 1, 2021





### **2021 Dolphin Scholar Selection Profile**

#### All Selected 2021 Scholars - 47

Gender: Female 29 Male 18

Relationship: Child 47

Spouse 0

Average SAT Score: N/A due to COVID-19 Average ACT Score: N/A due to COVID-19



Active Duty: 15 Retired: 17 Discharged: 14 Deceased: 1

ADM: CAPT: Officer: CDR: 5 LCDR: 6 24 LT: 5 Enlisted: 23 MCPO: SCPO: CPO: 3 PO1: 7 5 PO2:

#### High School Applicants - 100 (34 selected) 34%:

Academic: Average Weighted GPA: 4.2, very strong schedules including AP

College applicants - 29 (13 selected) 45%: (7 Freshman, 3 Sophomores, 3 Juniors)

**Academic**: Average GPA: 3.8, very strong majors at highly competitive colleges.

#### **Commitment and Excellence in School and Community:**

Multiple activities, including employment, over several years with evidence of leadership were evaluated for both high school and college applicants. (Example: Office in student government, varsity team captain, Eagle Scout, JROTC).

#### **Financial Need:**

Both cost of college attendance and additional expected financial aid were considered in determining financial need, after scholar selection was completed.

#### **Application Completion Ratio 80%:**

Of the 160 applications that were opened online, 129 applications were completed and considered for scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIPS	APPLICANTS	AWARDED	%
DSF CHILD (4 Yr)	119	37	31%
DSF CHILD (2 Yr)	2	1	50%
USS COLORADO	3	2	67%
USS HAMPTON	3	2	67%
LAURA W. BUSH	3	3	100%
USS NAUTILUS	8	2	25%

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that 9 applicants were eligible for multiple scholarships.



# Congratulations 2021 Graduates!!





**Mandy Abernathy** Wisconsin Lutheran College Mathematics



Alexis Brolsma University of South Dakota Health Sciences



**Ashley Burgess** Christopher Newport University Political Science



**Allison Daboval** Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Architecture



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**Oliver Hofstrom** Youngstown State University Chemical Engineering



Natalie Horgan Lawrence University Biochemistry



Judah Jodrey North Carolina State University Chemical Engineering



Joshua Johnen University of South Carolina Mechanical Engineering



Melissa Ketch Brigham Young University Microbiology



# Congratulations 2021 Graduates!!





Christina Koonce University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Biology



**Tyler LaBonte** University of Southern California Applied Mathematics



Jennifer McHale Quinnipiac University Entry Level Master's Physician Assistant



**Tabitha Oliver** Liberty University Social Work



**Danielle Pascanik**Old Dominion University
Nursing



**Julia Porter**Long Island University
Accounting



**Brendan Schneider** University of Virginia Aerospace Engineering



Ann-Marie Seidel University of California-Santa Barbara Biopsychology



Fallon Villarreal Texas Christian University Early Childhood Education



Nicole Warnick Appalachian State University Biology



Corinne Whisman Virginia Tech Clinical Neuroscience



Emily Youtt Cornell University Mechanical Engineering

We Wish You All the Best In Your Future Endeavors!

Please Stay in Touch!

## Thank You from a 2021 Graduate!!

Mandy Abernathy

Aug. 2, 2021

Greetings,



I am beyond grateful for the Dolphin Scholarship that I was awarded in 2017. As the youngest of three siblings that received assistance from DSF, I have been incredibly honored to represent a distinguished group of scholars and the submarine community. DSF has provided continuing encouragement throughout my studies along with the financial award.

In May of 2021, I graduated Summa Cum Laude with majors in Mathematics, Biology, and Computer Science from Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, WI. My undergraduate experience assisted in my preparation for graduate school through leadership opportunities, research projects, and collaborative events. I worked as a Team Leader in the Technology Department and served as the President of the Computer Science Club. I also had the opportunity to perform summer research at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and present my work at the Nebraska Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics.

After getting married this summer, I am beginning my graduate studies at Marquette University and working toward a PhD in Computational Mathematical and Statistical Sciences. I am eager to continue my academic studies in a setting where computational tools and applied mathematics are used to solve problems in biology and medicine. Thank you again for the generous assistance that has helped me prepare for a career that I am passionate about.

Best,

Mandy Abernathy

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Mandy Abernathy

Class of 2021

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#### Mrs. Kathy Grossenbacher Scholarship

Katherine "Kathy" Grossenbacher has lived a U.S. Navy life. Born at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay in 1947, she was the daughter of a Navy pilot. She was also the wife of a Navy submarine officer, and mentored and supported innumerable submarine spouses and families over the years.

She served as President of Dolphin Scholarship Foundation (DSF) from 2000 to 2003 when her husband was Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic. Kathy was proud of the accomplishments that took place during her tenure with the DSF, and

some of the initiatives she helped spearhead set it on a course that continues to this day.

Kathy has lived in more than 25 places, her favorites being Paris as a teenager and Naples, Italy when her husband was stationed at NSA Naples. She currently resides in Chicago and is a proud grandmother.

### **DSF Welcomes New Board Member!!**



#### **VADM Bruce Grooms, USN (Ret)**

Vice Admiral Bruce Grooms, a native of Cleveland, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering.

Following completion of nuclear power training he served in nearly every capacity aboard a variety of submarines, including a tour as executive officer of *USS Pasadena* (SSN 752) where he twice deployed to the Persian Gulf.

His command tours included USS *Asheville* (SSN 758) where the ship earned the Battle Efficiency "E" award, the Golden Anchor, and the Silver Anchor for the highest retention in the Submarine Force. He subsequently served as Commander, Submarine Squadron 6 and later as Commander, Submarine Group 2.

Ashore, he served as a company officer and later as the Commandant of Midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy. He served as the senior military assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, the senior inspector for the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board, the deputy director, then Director, Submarine Warfare Division (N87). He was the vice director, Joint Staff and later served on the Chief of Naval Operations' staff as the assistant deputy CNO for Operations, Plans and Strategy.

VADM Grooms was selected as the Vice Admiral Stockdale Inspirational Leadership Award winner for 1999. He earned a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, graduating with distinction, and attended Stanford University as a National Security Affairs Fellow.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and various campaign and unit awards.

# **2021 Dolphin Scholarship Foundation 9th Annual Groton Golf Tournament**



DSF and the Groton Submarine Spouse Group kicked off a week of fundraising fun on July 23, 2021, starting with the 9th Annual Groton Golf Tournament followed by the Submarine Capital of the World Virtual Auction. We would like to thank our generous sponsors and the golfers who came out to support DSF to help raise money for our scholars, and for making this a record setting event with 110 golfers in attendance! A huge thank you to Bob Hill and staff at Pequot Golf Club for providing a perfect course, excellent customer service, and a great BBQ lunch.

### Congratulations to all our Winners:





1st Place Winners Patrick Esher Nathan Glowacki Jacob Orlowski Sophia Orlowski



2nd Place Winners
Brian Berube
Joshua Campbell
Kris Campbell
Jacob Neutz



Closest to the Pin Patrick Esher

Commander's Cup Naval Submarine School



3rd Place Winners
Tom Allen
Joe Eagle
Msrk Fournier
Tim Schneider





We would also like to thank Erin Seif, Christine Fricke, Missylyn Barrow, Jessica Buhle of Second Heart Photography, Sylvia Harris, and all our other volunteers that helped make this tournament a great success!! We look forward to seeing everyone next year at the....

# 10th Annual Groton Golf Tournament! Date TBD



















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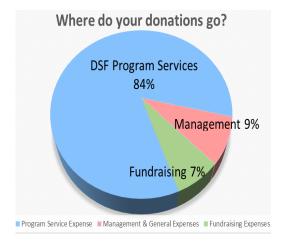
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Between December 2020 and May 2021, the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation received several generous donations from the San Diego Spouse Community. These donations totaled \$18,538.33 and were raised during their Tote Bag and Submarine Birthday Virtual 5K Run/Walk Fundraisers. The total donation is enough to fund five Dolphin Scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year. We cannot thank the San Diego Spouse Community enough for their continued efforts to raise awareness of the DSF and for choosing us to benefit from these outstanding events.

SOSA - Washington held the 2021 Virtual Submarine Race: "Operation Dolphin Strong" followed by a mini Silent Auction, May 15-31, 2021. Thanks to the hard work of some very dedicated volunteers, the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation received a generous donation of \$5,400 on June 25, 2021, plus another donation of \$522.00 for a total of \$5,922.

On June 25, 2021, DSF received an extremely generous donation of \$25,562.62 from the dedicated volunteers of the Pearl Harbor Submarine Officers' Spouses' Charitable Association. These funds were raised from the sale of their Best Fed in the Fleet Cookbook fundraiser. This is a shining example of our SOSA groups finding ways to continue supporting the DSF mission even during a pandemic. Thank you PHSOSCA!!

On June 28, 2021, DSF received a very generous donation of \$6,000 from the Pearl Harbor Dolphin Store. Thank you so much for your dedication of time and effort to keep one of only two remaining Dolphin Stores going strong!

Dolphin Scholarship Foundation also received a very generous donation from the Kings Bay SOSCA in the amount of \$16,796.39 on June 28, 2021. These funds were raised during their first ever fully virtual Silver and Gold Auction. The evening's theme, "A Night in Havana," was held on April 24, 2021. We are grateful for the hard working volunteers of KBSOSCA and so very thankful for your continued support of the DSF mission.

The Dolphin Scholarship Foundation would like to give a big THANK YOU to all of our spouse groups. You and your volunteers have worked hard in these unprecedented times and have come up with unique and creative ways to continue to support the DSF program even in the midst of a pandemic. We cannot thank you enough!

#### MISSION STATEMENT

To ease the financial burden of undergraduate and vocational education for eligible members of the U.S. Submarine Force and their dependents.

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

We envision Dolphin Scholarship Foundation to continue to be the premier military scholarship program of the United States, as evidenced by our professional management, successful fundraising efforts and continued increasing numbers and amounts of Dolphin Scholarships awarded to dependents of the Submarine Force.

Through teamwork by staff and board members, we will assertively seek donations from corporations, submariners (active and retired), submarine spouse organizations, and private donations.

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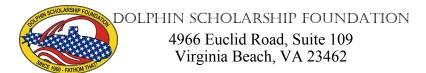
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