

## DSF Announces USS Scorpion (SSN 589) Scholarship Endowment



Approached in late 2021 by an anonymous donor, DSF was challenged to fulfill a USS Scorpion Scholarship Endowment to memorialize the 99 officers and crew members who were lost on May 22, 1968 when she went down on her way home to Norfolk, VA. Endowed scholarships are funded to a level that allows the scholarship to be drawn from invested funds, thus having the ability to be granted in perpetuity, a fitting tribute to these Sailors who serve on Eternal Patrol.

The donor provided a lead gift and matched donations up to half the scholarship endowment amount while family, friends, colleagues, and submarine supporters near and far made memorial donations and shared memories of the men aboard. A list of supporters can be found on page 8.

## DSF Board of Directors Welcomes New Chairperson

DSF extends a warm welcome to our new Board of Directors Chairperson, Mrs. Renea Gaucher.

Renea Gaucher grew up in Norfolk/Virginia Beach, VA. She graduated from University of Virginia's College at Wise with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration and concentration in Business Education. She taught high school before she started a family.



Renea has been married to VADM Robert (Rob) Gaucher for 28 years and they have two daughters who live in Florida.

Renea is proud to be a Navy spouse and has enjoyed the many places she and Rob have lived and visited. She has called many places home including Norfolk, VA; Virginia Beach, VA; Bremerton, WA; Orlando, FL; Mystic, CT; St Marys, GA; Kailua, HI; Santa Rita, Guam; Fairfax, VA; Honolulu, HI and Alexandria, VA.

## USS Montana (SSN 794) Scholarship Coming Soon



In October 2024, DSF will begin accepting applications for the USS Montana (SSN 794) Scholarship to be awarded August 2025.

The \$2,000 scholarship will be available to crew members and dependents of those who served aboard USS Montana for at least six months.

Hello DSF Family,

Happy New Year, everyone! I hope that 2024 is already off to a great start for you all.

## From the Desk of the Executive Director

I would like to thank all of our volunteers, spouse groups, and both individual and corporate supporters for making 2023 a banner year for DSF. Your loyal support is the driving force behind the positive impact that the foundation is able to make in the lives of members of the submarine community and their families.

The following are some highlights of what DSF was able to achieve in 2023, with your help:

Beginning in August 2023, DSF scholarship award amounts for scholars attending 2 and 4 year universities and trade/vocational institutions increased between 14 and 24 percent.

The establishment of the USS Scorpion (SSN 589) Scholarship marked the 58th Dolphin Scholarship endowed in perpetuity which reduces the foundation's unmet funding need to sustain 113 Dolphin Scholarships to 49 percent. Also, the establishment of the USS Montana (SSN 794) Scholarship marks the 10th DSF administered scholarship to benefit the crewmembers of specific submarines and their dependents.

Thanks to our corporate sponsors and participants for our annual Groton and Virginia Beach golf tournament fundraisers, over \$36,000 in net proceeds were raised for the Dolphin Scholarship Program.

Submarine Spouse Groups raised a combined total of \$125,326.00 for Dolphin Scholarships.

The 2023 End of Year fundraising campaign surpassed its targeted goal of \$20,000 by 34 percent with over \$26,800 raised for Dolphin Scholarships.

Thank you again for believing in the DSF mission of enhancing the quality of life and human potential of the sons, daughters, and spouses of U.S. Navy submariners through education. Please give yourself a round of applause because none of this would be possible without your support. Hooyah Submarine Force!!

Andrew Clark, MBA, CFRE, CAP  
Executive Director

Scholarship  
Applications Due  
March 15, 2024

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### Save the Date!

- 2024 DSF New Scholar Reception
  - June 20, 2024 - Virginia Beach Surf & Rescue Museum
- 12th annual Groton Golf Tournament
  - July 19, 2024 - Pequot Golf Club
- 19th annual Virginia Beach Golf Tournament
  - October 17, 2024 - Location to be determined.



2024 Calendars Available  
\$18.00 each  
Free Shipping!

# Scholar Spotlight



"I am deeply appreciative for this award and recognition. The scholarship will help defray the cost of my education, allowing me to focus on achieving my Bachelor's in biology. I hope to honor my father and the Foundation through my hard work."

Ripley Elberfeld

TM3(SS) Steven Charles Miksad, USS Scorpion (SSN 589)  
Scholar

"A SubForce Scholar means to give every endeavor your all whether it be in life or academics and be uncompromising in the pursuit of your goals."

Elijah Yocum

USS John Warner (SSN 785) Scholar



"I am honored to have been chosen from a group of very qualified applicants to represent the USS HAMPTON and Submarine Force at my college. I have lived my whole life as a military child and a submariner's daughter, and I'm excited to be named as a scholar so I can continue to represent and share my experiences with others."

Grace Wiley

USS Hampton (SSN 767) Scholar

"I am incredibly proud to be a part of something my father worked very hard and sacrificed for. I can build on the work laid forth when he joined the Submarine Force."

Tyler Johns

RADM & Mrs. Jack Lee Scholar



# Scholarship Application FAQs

- Can I get a scholarship for a Master's or Doctorate Program?
  - No. Scholarships are only available for those pursuing their first associates/bachelors/trade school certification.
- My sponsor did 5 years of Active-Duty time and 6 years in the Reserves, am I eligible?
  - No, only active-duty time counts towards the minimum 6 year of Submarine Service or 8 year of Submarine Support Service requirement.
- My grandfather was in the Submarine Force, can I apply?
  - Currently, the only scholarship available to grandchildren is for those sponsors who served on USS Nautilus (SSN 571/SS 168) or Historic Ship Nautilus.
- I'm an active-duty Sailor. Can I apply?
  - Scholarships for active-duty Sailors are limited to crew members who have served on the following submarines - USS Hampton, USS Colorado, USS Indiana, USS Delaware, USS Oregon, and USS Washington. These scholarships are not renewable and vary in award amount.
- I am unable to pursue my degree fulltime due to other commitments. Can I still receive a scholarship?
  - Only spouses are eligible to pursue part-time coursework. They must maintain a minimum course load of 12 credit hours per semester.
- My older sibling applied for a scholarship. Do I need to submit all the required eligibility information?
  - Yes, DSF does not maintain eligibility records from year to year.
- I plan on using the post 9/11 GI Bill, can I still receive a Dolphin Scholarship?
  - Dolphin Scholarships are the payer of last resort. If there is no financial need, the scholarship will not be issued.
- Who completes the application?
  - When starting the application, the name and email of the student should be used, not the sponsor.
- When does my sponsor's submarine service start?
  - Enlisted time starts the day they class up in BESS. Officer and nuclear trained enlisted time starts the first day of Prototype.
- How do I find my sponsors history of duty assignments?
  - The history of duty assignments can be found in the service members Electronic Service Record, or by contacting Navy Personnel Command to request a NAVPERS 1070/605 or Officer Data Card. For more information, visit: <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html>



Mason Laing  
2023 Dolphin Scholar  
Secondary Education  
Western Washington University



## FAQs Continued

- When should I send in my transcript?
  - Transcripts are accepted after Fall semester grades have been posted.
- I'm not ready to go to college. Can I apply when I'm older?
  - Yes, child applicants must be under the age of 24 on March 15th of their application year.
- How do I receive my scholarship?
  - Funds are mailed directly to your school biannually on August 1 and December 1.

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## Welcome Aboard

Mindy grew up with her nose in a book, giving her the opportunity to learn and dream about other cultures and other lands. Her curiosity (and jobs) led her to travel far and wide, ultimately arriving in Hampton Roads. Mindy's background includes not only travel, but experience in non-profits, for-profits, defense, and media. During her travels, she had the opportunity to offer her skills to the U.S. Air Force and NATO. Mindy looks forward to what the future may bring.



Mindy Johnson  
Executive Assistant

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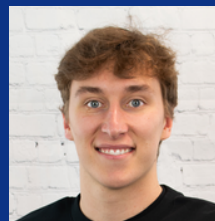
## Fair Winds and Following Seas

For the past two years, DSF has been elevated by the guidance and advocacy of Chairperson Colleen Houston. Mrs. Houston was a strong supporter, willing volunteer, and engaged leader on the Board of Directors. DSF made great strides due to her leadership and involvement. DSF thanks her for her service and wishes her the best in her future endeavors.

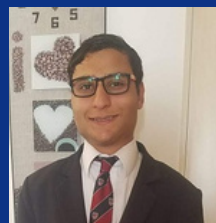


Colleen Houston  
DSF Chairperson  
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## Congratulations December 2023 Graduates!



Logan Chmielewski  
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Medical Laboratory Science



Drew Nash  
Emory University  
Biology



Jillian Scott  
South Georgia State University  
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## Upcoming Spouse Group Events



The first annual Pearl Harbor SSCA Golf Tournament will be held on February 9th, 2024 at Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course.



The 2024 Washington SOSA Silver and Gold Auction will take place March 2, 2024 with the theme "Silver & Gold Rush."



The 2024 Kings Bay SOSA Silver and Gold Auction will take place March 9, 2024 with the theme "Mardi Gras Masquerade." A golf tournament to benefit DSF will also be held on March 22, 2024.



The 2024 Norfolk SOSA Silver and Gold Auction will take place in conjunction with the Hampton Roads Submarine Birthday Ball, date TBD.



The 2024 San Diego Spouse Group Submarine Birthday Virtual Run will take place April 7-13, 2024. Registration is open to all. <https://runsignup.com/submarine5k>

## In Memoriam:

Mrs. Katherine A. Grossenbacher  
Nov 20, 1947 - Jan 1, 2024



On January 1, 2024, DSF lost long time supporter and former President, Kathy Grossenbacher. She served as the President of the DSF Board of Directors from 2000-2003. Kathy will be remembered as a leader of quiet demeanor whose actions spoke loudly. During her tenure as president, she made significant strides in expanding awareness of the Dolphin Scholarship Program throughout the Submarine Force. Also, she was very successful in the recruitment of local leaders outside of the submarine community to the foundation's board of directors. We will always be grateful for her many contributions to DSF.

## 2023 Memorial Donations

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# 18th Annual Virginia Beach Golf Tournament

On October 19, 2023, DSF held its 18th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser at the Virginia Beach National Golf Club. Over sixty golfers participated in a fun filled day of golf, camaraderie, awards, and prizes.

Prior to beginning the tournament, we were honored to host the reenlistment ceremony of EMN1(SS) Jameson Williams, USN who is currently assigned to PCU Arkansas (SSN 800).

Congratulations to Submarine Readiness Squadron 34 for winning the Commander's Cup! We would like to thank our generous sponsors and all of the golfers who came out to support DSF. Your help to raise over \$27,500 for our scholarships is very much appreciated by our organization and scholars. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2024 tournament!

## Commander's Cup Winners



Benjamin Kapito  
Michael Quinn

## Closest to the Pin: Matt Smith



Longest Drive:  
Benjamin Kapito



First Place  
COMSUBLANT  
Michael Horton  
Steven Mongold  
Martin Sprague,  
Matt Smith

Second Place  
Craig Broussard  
Dave Anderson  
Brandon Mills  
Matt Albee

Third Place  
COMSUBLANT N41  
Jon Albano  
Chris Lounsberry  
Kevin Barnes  
Robert Timkin

# DSF Proudly Announces It's 58th Scholarship Endowment!

We are pleased to announce the endowment of the USS SCORPION (SSN 589) Scholarship. Through your generosity, this scholarship will be available to a newly selected scholar for the 2024-2025 academic year. We'd like to recognize all the donors who made this scholarship possible and shared with us their memories and tributes to the 99 men aboard when USS SCORPION was lost on May 22, 1968.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Dolphin Scholarship Foundation (DSF) believes that enhancement of both human potential and quality of life is achievable through education. Many sons, daughters, and spouses of U.S. Navy submariners face financial obstacles while pursuing undergraduate and vocational education. DSF is committed to minimizing those obstacles by assisting them in reaching their fullest potential.

## 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 actively seek financial support from businesses, submariners (active and retired), submarine spouse organizations, and others whose philanthropic interests are in line with the DSF mission.

## CORE VALUES

Dolphin Scholarship Foundation will be guided by the principles of fiscal integrity and accountability, confidentiality of personal information, professional business practices and behavior, and impeccable customer service to our students, parents, submariners and donors.

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January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

## Thank you for your support!

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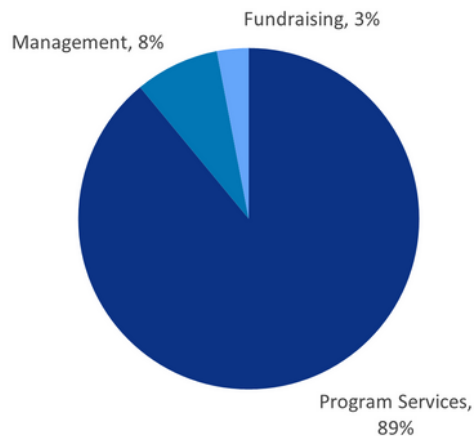
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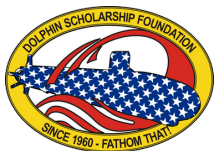
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