



## PHS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS FOUNDATION

FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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### FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2023 FAMILY MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health (COF) recently awarded a total of \$27,000 to high school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students as part of its annual scholarship program. Awardees are sponsored by a current member of the Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service (COA). The scholarships are funded by active duty and retired members, local COA branches, and others.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on their academic performance, school/community activities, honors/awards, and career aspirations. The twenty-seven awardees with their field of study and school of higher learning are listed below. Each student's sponsor is in parentheses.

- **Abigail Post:** Exercise Physiology, Marquette University (CAPT Jennifer Post, ret)
- **Abigale Thompson:** Speech-Language Pathology, University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (CDR Jasen Thompson)
- **Alan Marietta:** Computer Science, College of William & Mary (CAPT Robert Marietta)
- **Alexa Mutz:** Nutritional Sciences, Northeastern State University (CDR Shelo Mutz)
- **Alison Narog:** Microbiology, University of Idaho (CDR Brian Narog)
- **Amelia Scherling:** Biochemistry, Bemidji State University (CAPT Steven Scherling)
- **Amelia Thoennes:** Human Biology, South Dakota State University (CDR Mary Thoennes)
- **Ava Roe:** Psychology, Brigham Young University (CAPT Robert Roe)
- **Benjamin Harper:** Economics, Morehouse College (CAPT Juankia Mainor-Harper)
- **Carolyn Fenno:** Environmental Science, Washington University (CDR James Fenno)
- **Colin McGarry:** Biomedical Engineering, Regis College (CDR Mary McGarry)
- **Daniel Richardson:** Physical Therapy, Northern Arizona University (CAPT Jeffrey Richardson)
- **Ella Magill:** Architecture, University of Washington (CDR Stephanie Magill)
- **Emma Post:** Physical Therapy, Marquette University (CAPT Jennifer Post, ret)
- **Evan Wendel:** Biology, Whitman College (CAPT Arthur Wendel)
- **Hailey Smith:** Nursing, Saint Martin's University (CDR Darin Smith)
- **Jack Martinson:** Biochemistry/Molecular Biology, Chapman University (CAPT Matthew Martinson)
- **Jadyn Simms:** Exercise Science, High Point University (CDR Kelley Simms, ret)
- **Jordan Roe:** Kinesiology, California Baptist University (CAPT Robert Roe)
- **Katherine Gora Combs:** Epidemiology, University of North Carolina (CAPT Jeffrey Combs)
- **Lily Richardson:** Social Work, Arizona State University (CAPT Jeffrey Richardson)
- **Lucas Verani:** Economics/International Relations, U. of Southern California (CAPT Jennifer Verani)
- **Paige Reed:** Hearing and Speech Science, University of Maryland (LCDR Jennifer Shepherd)
- **Raviv Horesh:** Mechanical Engineering, University of Missouri-Kansas City (CAPT Dana Hall, ret)
- **Rebecca Cox:** Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine (CDR Deborah Cox)
- **Ryann Witter:** Biology, Carleton College (CDR Lee Witter, ret)
- **Zoe Esquada:** Nursing, Pacific Lutheran University (CAPT John Randall, ret)

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More information about the COF Family Member Scholarships can be found at:

<https://www.phscof.org/scholarships/family-member-scholarships/>

The Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) is a member-based organization that supports and advocates for the USPHS Commissioned Corps and its active duty and retired officers. The foundation arm of the association, the Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health (COF) was established in 2000. Its primary goal is to advance and promote public health in the United States.

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