2026 Spring VMCCA Foundation Scholarship Winners

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Carter Desler

My name is Carter Desler, and I am a recent honors graduate from Grassfield High School, located in Chesapeake, Virginia. In the fall I will be attending Randolph-Macon College where I intend to pursue a degree in physical therapy. This decision reflects both my personal experiences and my commitment to making meaningful contributions to the field of sports medicine and rehabilitation. Throughout my thirteen-year involvement in competitive soccer, I developed a deep appreciation for the sport and the dedication required to excel. However, like many athletes, I faced significant challenges in the form of sports-related injuries. With the help of some excellent physical therapists, I was able to successfully rehabilitate my injuries and return to play. This process of recovery not only restored my ability to participate in the sport I love but also fundamentally shaped my career trajectory and vision. I hope to help others in the future continue to play the sport they love.

I am grateful to my grandparents, James and Becky Woodall, from the Mid-Atlantic Region for always supporting me. Thank you VMCCA for awarding me this scholarship. I look forward to beginning my next chapter this fall.



Isabella Berry-Alldredge

I am excited to be attending University College Dublin in Ireland where I will study architecture. I have always enjoyed being creative and exploring different forms of design, which is what drew me to architecture. In the future I hope to become an architect who focuses on creating environmentally friendly and thoughtful spaces.

Outside of school, I enjoy cooking, making art, traveling, and history. I hope to study abroad in Asia one day to experience a new environment and gain inspiration from the architecture. I look forward to continuing to grow, explore, and pursue my interests throughout my university journey.

I am the great-granddaughter of B.D. Berryhill of the TexOma Region.



Fischer Gunderson

My name is Fischer Gunderson, and I will be attending Texas A&M University this fall as a freshman majoring in business administration. I am excited to begin my college career and become a part of the Aggie family. In my free time, I enjoy hiking, camping, swimming, and shotgun shooting. I spend time outdoors whenever I can. I am also an Eagle Scout. After graduating from Texas A&M, I hope to specialize in supply chain logistics and analytics and build a successful career. I am honored to receive the VMCCA Scholarship and sincerely appreciate the organization's support as I begin this next chapter of my education.

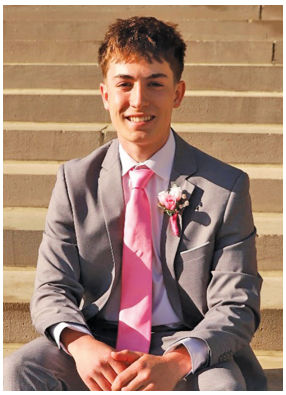
My grandparents, Alan Gunderson and the late Beverley Gunderson, from the Texoma Region, are two of my heroes.



Owen Johnson

I am proud to be a 2026 VMCCA Scholarship recipient from South Dakota. This fall I will be attending Wagner College in New York, where I plan to major in finance while competing as a Division I swimmer. I have been swimming competitively for nine years with Rushmore Swim Team and have earned multiple South Dakota age-group state championship titles. In addition, I served as a South Dakota House of Delegates Athlete Representative, which gave me the opportunity to represent fellow athletes and develop leadership skills. Through swimming, I have learned the importance of discipline, perseverance, and balancing academics with athletics. My goal at Wagner is to contribute to the team's success by competing at the conference championship level, and continue growing both as a student and an athlete. While in college, I hope to build a career in finance and then apply the discipline that competitive swimming has instilled in me throughout my life.

I am the grandson of Jim and Judy Johnson from the Gold Dust chapter.



Camden Martin

I plan to pursue a degree in business from the University of Missouri Columbia (Mizzou) with a focus on entrepreneurship and marketing. My goal is to gain formal education in business fundamentals while continuing to build real-world experience through my ventures. During the three years that I have been running a lawn care company and other businesses, I've learned pricing strategies, customer relations, and marketing through trial and error. Now I want to combine that hands-on knowledge with academic training in areas like finance, supply chain management, and digital marketing. I'm particularly interested in learning about meta ads. I also want to study e-commerce, as my self-taught attempts at drop shipping and product wholesale showed I needed deeper understanding of consumer behavior and market analysis. Long-term, I plan to build a product first business that provides value to my customers. A business degree will give me the foundation to do this sustainably and ethically.

My grandparents are Gary and Dorothy Barth of the Midwest Region and have been members of VMCCA for over 15 years. Thank you for this scholarship. I am very appreciative.



Gavin Juneau

Hello, my name is Gavin Juneau, and I am from Lafayette, Louisiana. I recently graduated from Teurlings Catholic High School in 2026. I am currently attending the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (UL) pursuing a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. Upon completing my kinesiology degree, I plan to further my education and attend school to become a physician's assistant. In my spare time, I love to work out and spend time with friends—especially attending various car shows in our area. I feel as though my love for cars is a direct attribute that I acquired from my grandfather. Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship and helping me to continue my academic career and follow my dreams.

My granddad, the late Glenn Juneau, owned several antique cars over the years and enjoyed traveling around the country in them. My grandmom, Sandra Juneau, of the Texoma Region, is a great inspiration to me.



Owen Peters

My name is Owen Peters. I am a 2026 graduate of Vanguard College Preparatory School in Waco, Texas. This summer, I worked as a lifeguard and served on the work crew at T Bar M Camp Lake Travis, where I developed valuable teamwork and leadership skills.

This fall I will be attending the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, where I plan to double major in finance and accounting. I look forward to getting involved in campus organizations, joining clubs, and participating in intramural sports while building lifelong friendships and preparing for my future career. Woo Pig Sooie!

I am the grandson of JoNell and Henry Blechl of the Texoma Region.