2019 Scholarship Recipients Announced!

We are so excited to announce our scholarship recipients for 2019! Because of your continued support, we were able to award two scholarships this year. Join us in welcoming Karsten Brown and Grace Rames!

Karsten Brown is a 2019 graduate of Catholic High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He is a member of numerous organizations including National Honor Society, Student Ambassadors and the Bruin Marching Band, where he has been a percussionist for the past four years. Karsten is heavily involved in community outreach and enjoys mentoring youth and participating in aviation outreach programs with The New Orleans Golden Eagles. He will attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall and major in Aeronautical Engineering. His goal is to become a United States Air Force pilot. Karsten began working on his private pilot certification in February of 2019 and plans to complete training this June.

Grace Rames attends Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton High School in Glyndon, MN. She recently received the Wright Brothers Award in Civil Air Patrol. Grace is also a member of National Honor Society and is a Minnesota State Speech finalist. Last summer she had the privilege of attending the National Flight Academy in Pensacola, FL and the North Dakota International Aerospace Camp at University of North Dakota. These two young adults have already accomplished so much and we can’t wait to see what the future holds for them as they help us carry on and honor LeRoy’s legacy. Congratulations Karsten and Grace! Welcome to our family!
Past Recipients—Where are they now?

Richard Valenta was one of our first scholarship recipients back in 2003. After completing his private pilot certificate on his 17th birthday, Richard followed an aviation education graduating from Purdue University in 2009 with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. He completed Navy Flight Training and was stationed at NAS Lemoore, CA and deployed on the USS Carl Vinson. Most recently Richard graduated from the Naval Test Pilot School and now serves at NAS Patuxent River with his wife Shannon and son Nolan. He enjoys flying all types of airplanes and plans to own a personal aircraft in the years ahead. This year Richard expressed a desire to give back to the Foundation. He was instrumental in our scholarship application process and assisted in reviewing all the 2019 applicants. With his experience and knowledge in aviation, he worked with our scholarship committee to narrow down our candidates and select the two individuals, Karsten Brown and Grace Rames, featured on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you, Richard (and family,) for your service in both the military and in helping the Foundation. We wish you blue skies and tailwinds with thanks for your continued support of the work of the LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation.
Thank you for your ongoing support. Without you, it would not be possible for us to continue awarding flight scholarships. In addition, thank you to all the employees of United Airlines who participate in the monthly donation program. Due to space, we cannot acknowledge everyone here. For a full list of donors, please visit www.leroywhomerjr.org/about/donors

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