



Caring for the Families of Fallen Special Operations Forces Since 1980

Graduate Spotlight: Cheyenne Yost



Cheyenne Yost is the daughter of Master Sergeant Anthony "RC" Yost. He was killed in Mosul, Iraq in November 2005 when she was 13 years old.

"Special Operations Warrior Foundation allowed me to follow my dreams. I graduated last year with a degree in Communication and Public Relations from Michigan State University. I want to eventually pursue a Masters in Social Work and become a therapist working with children and teens that have been through a situation similar to my own."

*"Without help from donors and supporters, like you, I would not be where I am today. Thank you for your generosity, it means so much."
- Cheyenne*

Your 2016 Successes

- You provided nearly \$4 million in college scholarships for sons and daughters of fallen Special Operations Warriors.
- You provided college scholarships and academic counseling for 154 students currently enrolled in colleges and universities across the country.
- You provided 204 students (kindergarten through college age) with over 2,000 hours of professional tutoring.

Thank You

Special Operations Warrior Foundation Awarded 11th Consecutive 4 Star Rating



For the 11th year in a row, Special Operations Warrior Foundation (SOWF) earned a **four-star rating** from Charity Navigator, the nation's leading charity watchdog group. This places SOWF among the top 1% of charities evaluated by Charity Navigator, which awards its highest rating to nonprofits that demonstrate sound fiscal management and a commitment to accountability and transparency.

Thank You...

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your generous support to our Foundation and the brave Americans we serve. Your generosity ensures college educations to the children of our fallen Special Operators. Your donations also provide academic assistance in the form of in-home tutoring to any family of the fallen who request it.

When our Warriors are wounded – their families are wounded too. So thanks to you, we deliver immediate financial assistance to every severely-wounded and hospitalized Special Operator. Sadly, the number of our severely wounded has already exceeded all of 2015.

Our Special Operators are leading our nation's fight in the Middle East, Africa and around the globe. Thanks to you and your generosity, they know if something happens to them – Special Operations Warrior Foundation has their back.

Your generosity is the most tangible way I know of saying to the 70,000 men and women of our Special Operations community "thank you for your service!"

Once again, thank you! We simply could not fulfill our mission without you.

With my deepest appreciation,



Joseph Maguire
Vice Admiral, USN, Ret.
President/CEO



Severely-Wounded Update

Special Operations Warrior Foundation has been supporting severely wounded special operators and their families since 2006 with financial stipends to help reduce the burden of expenses due to being hospitalized. SOWF Board of Directors recently implemented a change in the policy to increase the stipend from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

"Because of the generosity of our donors, SOWF is able to relieve the financial burden of having a loved one hospitalized," said Vice Adm. Joseph Maguire, SOWF President & CEO. "These funds are often used to arrange for flights to the hospital, child care, pet care, and help offset the loss of pay for a working spouse."

"Thank you for your amazing support when my husband was shot in the chest," said Katie, the spouse of an Army Special Forces soldier. "He is now home from the hospital and on his way to a full recovery. We are forever thankful for all of the support you provided."

Since 2006, you have provided \$2.3 million to severely wounded Special Operators and their families.

Positive Impact of Tutoring

In addition to helping students financially with scholarships (tuition, books, fees, room & board), SOWF also provides professional tutoring at no cost to the students. Tutors are available to help students gain the skills and confidence necessary to become academically successful.

Tutoring sessions are private and customized to the student's needs. For college student, Tristian, his tutor has helped him with the complexities of biology. "She was able to help me understand the sections of biology that I was struggling with."

For surviving spouse, Jill, the tutoring sessions helped her daughter bring her grade up in a difficult class. "The tutoring has been very beneficial," said Jill, "my daughter ended the semester with an A in AP Biology, and she has a better understanding of the information."



Because of the generosity of our donors, who believe in helping our students succeed, SOWF provided over 2,000 hours of tutoring services to its students.



Thank you so much for your support for me and my family! Because of you, I am able to honor my dad and what he did for us by getting a college degree, and I am so thankful for the support.

-Michelle Lane

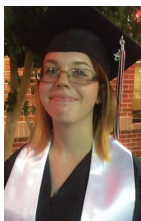
A Special Thanks...

Many thanks to all of our donors who have included Special Operations Warrior Foundation in your planned giving. Your legacy will live on to make a remarkable difference in the lives of our future generations.

Meet the 2016 Freshman Class

Because of your generosity, college dreams are a reality.

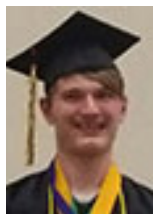
Skye Adams is enrolled in Robeson Community College. Skye is the daughter of Army Master Sgt. Danial Adams who lost his life in 2011 while deployed to Afghanistan with the 10th Special Forces Group.



Brianna Chapman is starting her freshman year at University of Colorado Springs. Brianna is the daughter of Air Force Tech. Sgt. John Chapman who lost his life in 2002 while deployed to Afghanistan with the 24th Special Tactics Squadron.

Brianna Cornett is enrolled at Somerset Community College. Brianna is the daughter of Army Sgt. 1st Class Lance Cornett who lost his life in Iraq in 2006 while assigned to U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

John Eggers is enrolled as a freshman at the University of Tampa. John is the son of Army Capt. Daniel Eggers who lost his life in 2004 while deployed to Afghanistan with the 3rd Special Forces Group.



Jonathan Hagerty is starting his freshman year at Oklahoma State University. Jonathan is the son of Army Major Hagerty who lost his life in 2008 in

Afghanistan while deployed with the 451st Civil Affairs Battalion.

Stanley Harriman is enrolled as a freshman at East Carolina University. Stanley is the son of Army Chief Warrant Officer Stanley Harriman who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2002 while deployed with the 3rd Special Forces Group.



Carson Langmack is a freshman at Montana State University. Carson is the son of Army Sgt. 1st Class Steven Langmack who lost his life in Iraq in 2005 while assigned to U.S. Army Special Operations Command.



Victor Mu Ho Lee is enrolled at Hillsborough Community College. Victor is the son of Army Master Sgt. James Jones who lost his life in 2011 while assigned to U. S. Special Operations Command.

Adam and Allison Lundell are freshmen at Utah State University.



Adam and Allison are the son and daughter of Army 2nd Lt. Scott Lundell who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2006 while assigned to the 19th Special Forces Group.



Anna McCuch is a freshman at Pennsylvania Highlands Community College. Anna is the daughter of Army Sgt. 1st Class

Jamie Nicholas who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2008 while assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group.

Zoe Mills is attending Austin Community College. Zoe is the daughter of Navy Chief Petty Officer Stephen Mills who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2011 while assigned to Naval Special Warfare Command.

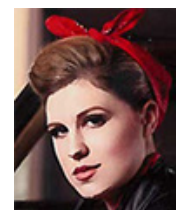
Vanessa Mogensen is a freshman at Louisiana State University. Vanessa is the daughter of Army Staff Sgt. Robert Mogensen who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2004 while assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group.



Megan Owens is starting her freshman year at The American University of Paris. Megan is the daughter of Army Capt. Barth Owens who lost his life in the Philippines in 2002 while assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

Connor Patton is a freshman at Columbus State Community College. Connor is the son of Army Sgt. Major Jerry Patton who lost his life in Iraq in 2008 while assigned to U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

Robbie Pittman is a freshman at Old Dominion University. Robbie is the daughter of Army Special Forces Master Sgt. Robert Pittman who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2010.



2016 SOWF College Freshmen (Continued)

Samantha Ponder

is starting her freshman year at Auburn University. Samantha is the daughter of Army Sgt. 1st Class James Ponder who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2005 while assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.



Madeline Quinlan is a freshman at Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts. Madeline is the daughter of Army Chief Warrant Officer John Quinlan who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2007 while assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

Andrew Rada Morales is enrolled in Fayetteville Technical Community College. Andrew is the son of Army Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Rada Morales who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2008 while deployed with the 7th Special Forces Group.

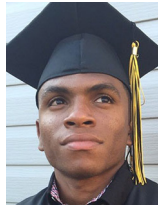


Cody Renz is a freshman at Austin Peay State University. Cody is the son of Army Sgt. 1st Class Cody Quigg who lost his life in 2014 while assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group.



Leif Retzer is attending College of the Sequoias. Leif is the son of Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas Retzer who lost his life in Iraq in 2003 while assigned to Naval Special Warfare Command.

Jovan Scott is a freshman at Northwest Vista College. Jovan is the son of Air Force Staff Sgt. Melissa Scott who lost her life in 2014 while assigned to Air Force Special Operations Command.



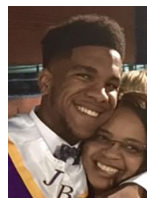
Darian Shaw is a freshman at Alcorn State University. Darian is the daughter of Army Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Shaw who lost his life in the Philippines in 2009 while assigned to the 1st Special Forces Group.



Shaina Shaw is a freshman at West Virginia University. Shaina is the daughter Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Scott Shaw who lost his life in 2005 while assigned to Naval Special Warfare Group Two.



Justin Simmons is a freshman at Fayetteville Technical Community College. Justin is the son of Army Master Sgt. Shawn Simmons who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2008 while assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group.



Talia Tapper is starting her freshman year at Old Dominion University. Talia is the daughter of Navy Petty Officer 1st Class David Tapper who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2003 while assigned to Naval Special Warfare Command.



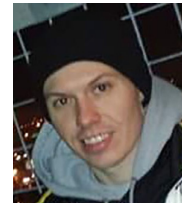
Bailey Taylor is a freshman at Central Carolina Community College. Bailey is the son of Army Sgt. 1st Class John Taylor who lost his life in Iraq in 2003 while assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group.



Darian Thammarath is a freshman at the University of Tampa. Darian is the daughter of Army Sgt. Anibal Santiago who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2010 while assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment.



Brenton Troup is a freshman at Indiana County Technology Center. Brenton is the son of Army Sgt. 1st Class Brenton Nicholas who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2008 while assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group.



Sharon Vose is a freshman at Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences. Sharon is the daughter of Army Chief Warrant Officer Douglas Vose who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2009 while assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group.



Sara Wise is a freshman at the University of Maryland. Sara is the daughter of Air Force Master Sgt. Christopher Sheaffer who lost his life in 2000.





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Thank you so much for everything you do for us! Because of you, people like us can attend college and succeed in life - and that's all I could ever dream of. So thank you so much, we deeply appreciate everything!

-Catherine Henry



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