



2024 RAA Scholarship Recipient

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I come from the small community of Stoneville, North Carolina. During my childhood, I never knew a pilot, recreational nor professional, until I was selected by the US Air Force to attend a private-pilot flight academy in the summer preceding my senior year of high school. That summer, my horizons were immensely broadened as I was introduced to so many people who, like me, were passionate about aviation and wanted nothing more than to fly. After earning my private pilot certificate, I began to seek out universities which offered flight programs, and Auburn University stuck out to me as far and above the best option. In my time at Auburn, I've immersed myself in flight training and student involvement while working to strengthen my career prospects. This spring, I worked as an intern at Delta Air Lines. This experience solidified my goal of becoming a commercial airline pilot, and shortly after, I received job offers from both Delta and Endeavor as part of their Propel program. As I enter my senior year at Auburn, I look forward to strongly finishing one chapter of my aviation journey, while beginning the next with my best foot forward.