



Connecting Students with Veterans

VHP Scholarship Announcement by:

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April 19, 2015, ASU West, Glendale, Arizona. It's our privilege to award three personal scholarships and one travel scholarship. Sponsored annually by VHP since 2011, the scholarships are intended to recognize certain students who have exhibited extraordinary qualities while working with veterans, the Project, or the publication of the book. Funds are to assist students in their undergraduate studies or for their personal travel-journey.

All VHP Chapters of good standing who met our criteria were eligible to participate. The students were instructed to write an open-ended essay, telling us in their own words what they have learned by being in the project.

For all of our student scholars, VHP has transformed their writing abilities, their knowledge of history; it has enhanced their character, and prepared them well for college and career.

Thank you for your passion and hard work. We believe in you!

As we announce each winner, we will first read excerpts from their essays.

Presented by Bill and Liz Campbell - The Caitlin Campbell Travel Scholarship:

"There is nothing in this world that I have ever experienced that has compared to the respect I feel for (my veteran) for having the courage to share with me his experiences. With this scholarship I would like to retrace his footsteps from the beginning at Utah Beach in France to the end of his service in Belgium... From his story I've gained so many life lessons and tools that I would not have developed without him, and as a result I have been profoundly impacted by his life. .. This travel experience, just like the Veterans Heritage Project, will never be forgotten and will be paid forward throughout my lifetime." **Please join us in congratulating our Caitlin Campbell \$2,000 Travel Scholarship to Allison Lopez of Ironwood Ridge High School**

Presented by VHP Board Members, Laura Byers and Joe Brett - The VHP Personal Scholarships

3rd Place: *"While my journey with this project isn't one that most people experience, it gave me the opportunity to build very real and long-lasting relationships with his family... as we talked on the phone, mourned together at his funeral, and shared his stories together. This project was the single greatest gift I could have given his family - moment like these are what made me proud to be a part of this amazing organization."* **For 3rd place \$1,500 scholarship, please congratulate Campo Verde High School's Amani Kassissieh.**

2nd Place: *"Each veteran I interviewed instilled in me the need to do more for the safety and well-being of the world, as they did. To them, I owe my passion for justice, my American patriotism, and my courage to pursue my own fight for the freedom of others."* **Please congratulate our 2nd place \$2,000 scholarship winner, Cactus Shadows High School's Michelle Hugo.**

1st Place: *"While I cannot claim that I have helped the Project expand or promoted beneficial change, I do know VHP has changed me. Before I joined the Project four years ago, I did not understand the sacrifices that our service men and women make and unfortunately took my freedoms for granted. However, the appreciation and pride that I feel for my country increases more and more after each interview conducted... I can now put a face and story to each war, rather than a quick fact provided in a textbook. I can feel their pain, I can picture their triumphs, and I can better understand what they encountered... "they" are my heroes."* **Please congratulate our 1st place \$3,000 scholarship winner, Cactus Shadows High Schools Lizzy Satran**