

# Naval Reserve Association Awards

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Mr. Kevin C. Cossel  
Idaho Falls, ID

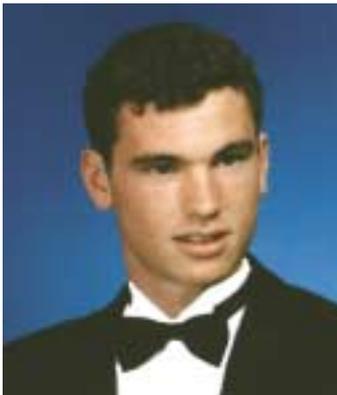
### **Mellish/Weeks Scholarship**



Kevin Cossel, a resident of Idaho, is a sophomore this fall at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, CA. This is the second NRA scholarship he has been awarded. He has achieved outstanding grades in the demanding field of chemistry. In addition to working on a research project in chemistry, he has found time to play on the school baseball team and organize pranks around the campus. Outside of school, he enjoys the outdoors – hunting, fishing, camping, and playing his guitar. His ambition is great. After he graduates from CALTECH, he plans to get a PhD in chemical physics. He would like to work in a research position at a university or in the military. He would like to use his education to develop something that would benefit society in some way.

Mr. Ryan P. Dobbertien  
Orange Park, FL

### **USAA Scholarship**



Ryan Dobbertien, the eldest of four boys, has been accepted at Duke University and is pursuing a major in Biomedical Engineering. Ryan's father reentered the military in June 2003, leaving a solo surgical practice. As a result of working with handicapped children, Ryan plans on the possibility of using applied math and science to help others. New technology will be able to improve the quality of life for ill and injured people. Mechanical and biomedical advances have the potential to solve many of the problems of human frailty. Ryan hopes to be able to contribute to this effort. In addition to being a first-rate scholar, he was a varsity sports athlete and was selected for the state all-star team for high school soccer.

Ms. Brittany K. Hughlett  
Santa Paula, CA

### **Hendel Scholarship**



Brittany Hughlett has completed her sophomore year as a zoology major at Ventura Community College. She has been accepted at the University of Hawaii for further study. After high school, she worked long hours at a coffee shop. Her grades suffered as a result of 36-hour work weeks. In need of money, she began working part-time as a lifeguard. She plays saxophone, bass guitar, drums and was given an award for outstanding musicianship. With or without help, Brittany is determined to pursue a B.S. in Zoology. She feels she has the willpower and determination to pursue her interests under the most trying circumstances.

Mr. William S. Koscielny  
Raymond, ME

### **Hamilton Scholarship**



William Koscielny, from Maine, will attend Northeastern University in Boston. His baccalaureate major is in Psychology. His childhood has been shaped by the many moves his Navy parents made while he was growing up. Living in Maine has had the most profound impact on his life. There, he was introduced to the Boy Singers of Maine. This led to participation in choir festivals at the state level. Another interest is Latin. As a member of the Latin club, he has won numerous awards on the national level. A major hobby is computers. He assists his hometown, family, and friends in solving their computer problems. His long-term goal is to practice clinical psychology.

# Eleven Scholarships for AY 2004-2005

*like to congratulate these recipients of the scholarship awards:*

Ms. Rachel E. Lowen  
Ashburn, VA

## **Mellish/Weeks Scholarship**



Rachel Lowen is now a sophomore at Grove City College. As a resident of Virginia, she was nervous and slightly frightened as she set forth for the first time on the campus. She had never been away from home permanently before. But she made good friends and kept up with the school's academic vigor. She is now acclimated to college life and has formed good study habits. As a recipient of a major scholarship, we wish her well. As an English major, she continues to pursue her passion as a screenwriter. Her desire is to adapt classic literature with characters who have inspired their subjects with courage, patriotism, selflessness, and purity. It will be a hard business to get into, but having already met some writers who have major productions – the doors will open.

Paul E. Morrow  
Crystal River, FL

## **Schultz Scholarship**



Paul Morrow, from Florida, has been accepted at the Maine Maritime Academy and the Florida Institute of Technology. As an Eagle Scout, he has over 520 hours of community service to his credit at a local hospital, a national wildlife refuge, and church work. He was involved in the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps. Awards included the Governor's High School All-Star Award, member of the National Honor Society, and treasurer of the Key Club. His hobbies are piano and computer design and assembly. With this background, he plans to receive a double major in computer and electrical engineering. The challenge will be great; but with patience and perseverance, he is certain he can

achieve his goal. A science instructor at Central Florida Community College writes, "His commendable strength of character, extraordinary work ethic and proven scholarship distinguish Mr. Morrow as an outstanding young man and student who will thrive as a full-time college student."

Mr. Erik S. Paulson  
Sun Prairie, WI

## **Mellish/Weeks Scholarship**



Erik Paulson plans on studying engineering or chemistry at Wheaton College in Illinois. He hails from Sun Prairie, WI. In high school, his mentors say he sets high personal, scholastic, and athletic goals and excels in all of them. A vigorous course of study in high school has prepared him well for a college career. His athletic skills have resulted in his being awarded five varsity track and football letters. As a result of community service, he was awarded the Madison Area Elks student-of-the-year award. His long-range goal is to be in a profession which utilizes his talents, allows him to make a positive impact on society, encourages lifelong learning, and demands high standards of character.

Jacqueline D. Perez  
Jacksonville, FL

## **Mellish/Weeks Scholarship**

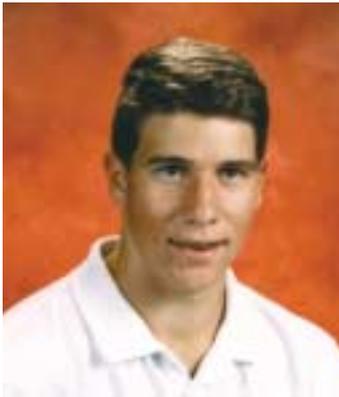


Jacqueline Perez has finally realized a childhood ambition and will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this fall. During her high school years, she developed the skills of disciplined study habits, communications, leadership, perseverance, and community involvement. Her home is in Jacksonville, FL.

Throughout her four years of high school, she was on the school honor roll. She was senior class treasurer, math club vice president, National Honor Society secretary and active in the science club, Spanish honor society, and the junior engineering technical society. Her long-range goal is to complete a masters degree in mechanical engineering or physics and make a meaningful contribution to society.

Mr. Thomas M. Schwedhelm  
Carson City, NV

**NRA Scholarship**



Thomas Schwedhelm is an Eagle Scout who intends to major in Chemistry at the University of Nevada, Reno. Through the Boy Scouts, he has learned the value of loyalty, helpfulness, obedience, and bravery that has shaped his life. Through sports, he has learned team work and perseverance. He is justifiably proud of his high school

scholastic achievements. As a straight "A" student, he was always on the Dean's List. He is committed to keeping his school work at this level for the remainder of his school years. His goal is to get a PhD in Chemistry and go into research. He is thinking about pharmacology and maybe finding a cure for some illness.

Mr. Lucas S. Slominski  
Liverpool, NY

**NRA Scholarship**



Lucas Slominski is the oldest of a family of four boys. He is a sophomore at Syracuse, studying illustrations. Aside from art, his dream job upon graduation would be as a continuity artist for a major special effects company. Breaking into this career field is a difficult task. His major is the undergraduate

curriculum of multiple continuity artists, working for companies such as Industrial Light and Magic, Esc, and Paramount. He also plans to enroll in several film-related electives as well as advertising classes. Our best wishes to a struggling artist. In

addition to art, the other factor shaping his life has been the Boy Scouts. After six years of work, he was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. The prestige of this honor he considers his greatest achievement to date. It illustrates his devotion to the values of Scouting. Lucas has always been employed part-time. His employer at Chase-Pitkin says, "His work ethic and ability to perform his job duties go beyond those who have twice as many years in the workplace."

Ms. Kristle A. White  
Panama City, FL

**Hendel Scholarship**



Kristle White, from Panama City, FL, is planning on attending the University of Florida with a prospective major in engineering. As a competitive swimmer on the Panama City swim team for four years, she learned the benefits of hard work and strong leadership. This led her to become involved in community work and being

named as Valedictorian of her high school class of 2004. With parental guidance providing a proper foundation for her character and as a four-year straight "A" student, she looks forward to continued success at the university level. She intends to earn a masters degree and become a successful member of the workforce and society.

**Editor's Note:**

The Naval Reserve Association awards scholarships for the sons and daughters of its members. We are pleased to present eleven scholarships totaling \$25,000 for the 2004-2005 academic year. This year's scholarship program received support from CAPT Rolland Hamilton, the CAPT Dick Hendel Memorial Fund, CAPT Lucille W. Mellish, CDR William J. Mellish, CAPT Blanche B. Schultz, The Naval Reserve Fund, and USAA.

If you wish to contribute to the scholarship program, please make your checks payable to the Naval Reserve Fund. The fund is exempt from Federal income tax under the provisions of IRS Code Section 501(c)3. Scholarship applications for the next academic year (2005-2006) will be available this fall. Announcements will appear in the *NRA NEWS*.