2018 TILLMAN SCHOLARS AT A GLANCE

We’re proud to announce the 2018 Tillman Scholars: 60 individuals who represent the best and brightest from a group of thousands of talented applicants. Through their military service, their academic passions, and their desire to make an impact, they will form a tight-knit community of scholars that will truly make its mark on the world.

60 scholars chosen
$1.3+ million lifetime commitment to the 2018 class
48 universities and colleges

10+ years served in the military, on average
601 years cumulative years served in military
30% first-generation college students

OFFICER VS ENLISTED
52% ENLISTED
12% MARINE CORPS
13% AIR FORCE
17% NAVY
58% ARMY

GENDER
62% MALE
38% FEMALE

PRIVATE VS PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS
52% PUBLIC
48% PRIVATE

DEGREE
28% DOCTORATE
12% DOCTOR OF MEDICINE
5% JURIS DOCTOR
8% BACHELOR’S
58% MASTER’S

AREAS OF IMPACT

Founded in 2008, the Tillman Scholar Program supports active-duty service members, veterans and their spouses with academic scholarships, a national network and professional development opportunities, so they are empowered to make an impact. Some examples in our 2018 Class include:

ADOPTION LAW
AQUAPONICS
AVIATION SAFETY
BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS
BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY
COLLABORATIVE ROBOTICS
COUNTERTERRORISM
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CULINARY MEDICINE
CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
ENERGY SECURITY
INDUSTRIAL ECONOMICS
MATERIALS CHEMISTRY
METEOROLOGY
MIDWIFERY
NONPROLIFERATION
NUTRIENT DYNAMICS
OPIOID ADDICTION
PHYSICAL THERAPY
POST CONFLICT DEVELOPMENT
REFUGEE RIGHTS
RURAL HEALTHCARE
SOCIAL ENTERPRISE
SPACE POLICY
SPEECH COGNITION
SUICIDE PREVENTION
WASTEWATER TREATMENT
MEET THE SCHOLARS

Click on a scholar to view their story.

CHRISTINE ARGUEZA-PRINCE
UNC-Chapel Hill, MSPH

THOMAS BAKER
University of Missouri–St Louis, Ph.D., Criminal Justice

EMILY BALOG
George Washington University, Ph.D., Health Sciences

STEPHANIE BAUMAN
University of South Florida, B.S., Physics

LANCE BELOBRAJDIC
Texas A&M University, B.S., Meteorology

KATHERINE BROWN
University of Washington, Ph.D., SLP

JENNIE CALLAHAN
Colorado School of Mines, M.S., Engineering

VALARIE CARTER
University of Oklahoma, MPH

CHANTEL CHARAIS
Duke University, DNP, Acute Care

PAUL CLAYTON
UNC-Chapel Hill, MD

SEAN COOKE
Georgetown University, B.A., Regional Studies

CHARLES COX
University of Minnesota, MPP

SCOTT DAVIS
Washington State University, MD

JENNIFER ESPARZA
Georgetown University, JD

ROBIN EVANS
Syracuse University, JD

JOSEPH FILLA
University of Maryland, B.S., Computer Science

ASHLEY FISCHER
University of Minnesota, MPP

EVA FOULKE
Oregon Health and Science University, MD

ANDREW GARZA
George Washington University, M.A., International Space Policy

SAM GULLAND
Columbia University, MBA
MEET THE SCHOLARS

Click on a scholar to view their story.
MEET THE SCHOLARS

Click on a scholar to view their story.

JUSTIN NICHOLS
University of New Mexico,
M.S., Engineering

NICOLAS O’NEILL
University of Chicago,
Ph.D., History

VIVIN PALIATH
Arizona State University,
Ph.D., Computer Science

JOHN PALMER
Northwestern University, MBA

ZEESHAN PARVEZ
UCLA, Ph.D., Chemistry

KATHRYN PISTON
Syracuse University,
Ph.D., Engineering

JASON POUDRIER
University of Oklahoma, Ed.D

ROWAN PRICE
Yale University,
MSN, CNM/WHNP

TREVOR PROPHET
Stanford University, MBA

ALEX PRUDEN
Stanford University, MBA

ZACHARY RHYNER
UNC-Chapel Hill,
B.S., Biology

AMBYR RIOS
Texas A&M,
Ph.D., Curriculum & Instruction

JAMES ROLFING
University of Pennsylvania, MD

MATT ROSEBAUGH
The Ohio State University, MBA

MAISHA ROUNDS
Vanderbilt University, Ed.D

NATASHA RYAN
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, M.S., OHS

MELISSA SWENSEN
George Mason University,
PMHNP

ASHLEY THOMAS
Belmont University, DPT

NEIL VIGIL
University of Arizona, MD

JONATHAN YELLOWHAIR
Georgia State University,
M.S., Counseling

PAT TILLMAN FOUNDATION
MEET THE SCHOLARS
Click on a scholar to view their story.

BUSINESS
- Sam Gulland
  Columbia University, MBA
- Kelly Lombard
  University of Pennsylvania, MBA
- Steve McCulloch
  Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MBA
- Thomas Meyerson
  University of Pennsylvania, MBA
- John Palmer
  Northwestern University, MBA
- Trevor Prophet
  Stanford University, MBA
- Alex Pruden
  Stanford University, MBA
- Matt Rosebaugh
  The Ohio State University, MBA

EDUCATION
- Laura Johnson
  University of West Florida, Ed.D.
- Jason Poudrier
  University of Oklahoma, Ed.D.
- Ambyr Rios
  Texas A&M University, Ph.D., Curriculum & Instruction
- Maisha Rounds
  Vanderbilt University, Ed.D.

ENGINEERING
- Jennie Callahan
  Colorado School of Mines, M.S., Engineering
- John Mulrow
  University of Illinois at Chicago, Ph.D., Civil Engineering
- Justin Nichols
  University of New Mexico, M.S., Water Resources Engineering
- Kathryn Piston
  Syracuse University, Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering

HISTORY
- Nicholas O’Neill
  University of Chicago, Ph.D., History

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
- Sean Cooke
  Georgetown University, BSFS, International Affairs
- Andrew Garza
  The George Washington University, M.A., International Space Policy

LAW
- Melissa Mangold
  American University, M.A., International Affairs
- Ali Nayyef
  George Mason University, M.A., Political Science

MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES
- Emily Balog
  The George Washington University, Ph.D., Translational Health Sciences
- Katherine Brown
  University of Washington, Ph.D., SLP
- Valarie Carter
  University of Oklahoma, MPH
- Paul Clayton
  UNC-Chapel Hill, MD
- Scott Davis
  Washington State University, MD
- Evan Foulke
  Oregon Health and Science University, MD
- Elijah Hernandez
  Texas A&M University, DVM
- Apollo Kabukuru
  University of Washington, MD
- Matthew Nettes
  Vanderbilt University, MD
- James Roling
  University of Pennsylvania, MD
- Ashley Thomas
  Belmont University, DPT
- Neil Vigil
  University of Arizona, MD

MEDICINE
- Chantel Charais
  Duke University, DNP, Acute Care
- Dana Hatwig
  Wilkes University, MSN, Psychiatric Mental Health
- Rowan Price
  Yale University, MSN, CNM/WHNP

PSYCHOLOGY & COUNSELING
- Melissa Swensen
  George Mason University, DNP, Psychiatric Mental Health

PUBLIC HEALTH
- Christine Argueza-Prince
  UNC-Chapel Hill, MSPH
- Carl LoFaro
  University of Colorado Denver, DPH
- Ka’imi Masunaga
  Yale University, MPH

PUBLIC POLICY & ADMINISTRATION
- Charles Cox
  University of Minnesota, MPP
- Ashley Fischer
  University of Minnesota, MPP
- Steven Kambouris
  Johns Hopkins University, MPA
- Kelly Ann McCarty
  Duke University, MPP
- Erin Moffitt
  Duke University, MPP
- Dennis Magnusco
  Harvard University, MPP
  Dartmouth University, MBA

SCIENCES
- Stephanie Bauman
  University of South Florida, B.S., Physics
- Lance Belobrajdic
  Texas A&M University, B.S., Meteorology
- Joseph Filla
  University of Maryland, B.S., Computer Science
- Vivin Paliath
  Arizona State University, Ph.D., Computer Science
- Zeeshan Parvez
  UCLA, Ph.D., Materials Chemistry
- Zachary Rhyner
  UNC-Chapel Hill, B.S., Biology
- Natasha Ryan
  Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, M.S., OHS