

JAGA
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My college experience has been one to remember. I recall being an 18 year old kid driving down to Boca Raton Florida with my eyes set on walking onto the FAU golf team. This had been a lifelong dream of mine and that was to play college golf at the Division 1 level. I had a lot of support when trying to accomplish my goal on walking onto this team. Unfortunately, this dream of mine didn't come true and I ended up being passed on by the head golf coach (who was not a nice guy). I ended up transferring to the University of Central Florida in the beautiful Orlando area my freshman spring. This had been a university that my brother had already graduated from and one that I was very familiar with. Beginning my sophomore fall Covid-19 became a thing and the whole country was locked down. By this time I had the opportunity to be presented with the JAGA Scholarship and this was a big help to me and my family. I come from a middle class family and one that I'm very thankful to be a part of. My father Larry, mother Edye, and brothers Myles and Atticus Wright. The financial assistance this scholarship provided me was a huge help for me and my family. College in this country isn't cheap along with all the other expenses that come with being in college. Having this opportunity to be a recipient has been an honor for me and my family, and one that we cannot thank the committee enough. Later the next year my father Larry was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer and this took a toll on me and my family. If you guys don't know my father, he is one of a kind. I know that a lot of people may say that about their parents, but this one is actually true. My father will light up any room that he walks into and always puts smiles on peoples faces. As he would say "I'm just a good southern boy". Even with all of this going on I still had to pursue my college education as it was very important to me and my family. Without this scholarship, who knows if I would have been able to complete my college education at UCF due to the obvious expenses cancer brings to each family that deals with it. So from me and my family we would like to thank the JAGA committee and the organization for all the support that you guys have shown my family and I throughout my college education, and hopefully this committee continues to help college kids like me and support kids chasing their dreams.

I'm set to graduate this December in the fall term and look forward to pursuing my passion in politics in either Chicago, or Los Angeles.

Thank you so much for the support,
E.W. & his family