



Thanking America's Troops and Their Families with the Gift of Education and Pathways to Meaningful Employment

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Thousands Apply for Financial Aid

ThanksUSA's scholarship application was open from April 1-May 15. During that time, we received more than 2,000 applications from military spouses and kids nationwide. Scholarships will be awarded later this summer for the 2019-20 school year.

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Pictured above: Scholar [Natalie Ebreo](#)

ThanksUSA in the News

[WUSA9 Off-Script](#): Watch ThanksUSA's Jon Rosa & Amanda Folks



[ABC7 Salutes](#): ThanksUSA Pairs Up Veterans & Young Tennis Players



ThanksUSA Veterans Tennis

[VIDEO](#): Watch as Veterans and youth team up at Tennis Corps, our weekly Veterans Tennis Clinic at JTCC.



Pickleball Partnership

For those who haven't yet noticed, pickleball is considered one of the fastest growing sports in America.

ThanksUSA has joined forces with the [Professional Pickleball Registry](#) (PPR), which educates and certifies teaching professionals within the sport. PPR is proud to support the Play It Forward Charity Challenge.



Upcoming Events

JUNE 8, 2019
[Helping Hand Golf Tournament](#)
Scottsdale, AZ

JULY 22, 2019
[Heartland 4 Heroes Golf Tournament](#)
Brentwood, TN

SEPTEMBER 14, 2019
[Gells Charity Golf Tournament](#)
Fairfield, CT

OCTOBER 26, 2019
[ThanksUSA Military Family Gala](#)
National Harbor, MD

NOVEMBER 8, 2019
[ThanksUSA Charity Tennis Pro-Am](#)
Potomac Falls, VA

CNBC's "[Top 10 Charities That Support Veterans](#)"

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Greetings!

May is Military Appreciation Month, and we invite you to join us in paying tribute to our troops for the sacrifices they and their families make every day.

Sports lovers have the opportunity to [Play It Forward](#) with our active and competitive charity challenge, while corporate supporters may wish to reserve a table at our [Military Family Gala](#) and VIP Reception. We hope you'll spread the word in your community of our important mission and strong record of [Accountability & Transparency](#).

By helping to fund scholarships for military spouses and kids, YOU are reducing the financial burden on military families who often rely on one source of income. What better way to say 'thank you' than giving our service members peace of mind knowing their loved ones are on a path to success. **Thank you** for making a difference in our scholars' lives!



Play It Forward: PLAY your favorite sport and PAY it forward by making a personal donation of thanks to our military.

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ThanksUSA Scholar Spotlight

Graduation Edition

TyMBER Long graduated *cum laude* as a Presidential Merit Scholar from Bentley University with a Bachelor of Science degree. TyMBER recently relocated to the Washington, DC area for a job with Raytheon as a Contracts Negotiator.

TyMBER said, "Thank you so much for your support and encouragement through the years. It means so much to me and my family to be the recipient of such generosity."



TyMBER Long



Kylie Hoffman



Kyle Waters

Kylie Hoffman recently graduated *summa cum laude* from Liberty University with a Bachelor's of Science degree. She will continue her education, pursuing a Master's degree in Criminal Justice: Forensic Psychology. She was named a Psychology Student of the Year Finalist.

Kylie said, "Without this generous program I would have been unable to complete my degree when I did and would not be where I am today. I owe so much to ThanksUSA and all those who support it. I cannot thank you enough."

Kyle Waters graduated this month *magna cum laude* from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. After earning a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical and Mechanical Engineering, he is beginning his career at a NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Learn more about scholars on the [ThanksUSA Blog](#).

ThanksUSA Golf Tournament

On May 6, ThanksUSA held our 12th annual Golf Tournament at Creighton Farms in Aldie, Virginia. The event was presented along with Pro Football Hall of Famer **Darrell Green** who shared his appreciation for our military with a call to action for more civilian support. This year was made special by a record number of wounded Veterans and military golfers.

One Veteran reminded us that wounds of war are not always obvious or even visible but greatly affect a service member's way of life during and after transition from service. Many have found the sport of golf to be therapeutic, engaging service members both physically and mentally.

During the reception sponsored by **Lockheed Martin**, we heard from scholar **Grace Vandelac** about her experiences as a military child moving every two years. Grace was joined by her mother who echoed her appreciation for the scholarship which has made life at Michigan State that much sweeter -- she is taking advantage of every opportunity and gaining practical experience in and out of the classroom.

[View photos from the event.](#)



Military Family Gala

Save the Date

Please save the date for our [Military Family Gala](#) on October 26, 2019 at Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland! We are happy to announce that the Gala will feature musical entertainment by Grammy-winning artist **LeAnn Rimes**, and CNN Anchor **Brianna Keilar** will emcee the event.

We hope that you are able to join us for an evening that is guaranteed to inspire, entertain and captivate, with more than 750 guests joining together in support of military families.

For more information on sponsorship and table reservations, please [click here](#) or contact Jon Rosa at Jon@ThanksUSA.org or 202-643-6175.

