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Soldiers Legacy Fund

COLLEGE NEWSLETTER 2018

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund (MSLF) College Newsletter. In November, the MSLF will be entering its 14th year as a 501(c)(3) to provide education grants to the children of Massachusetts residents who died in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Currently, there are 50 families with 81 children eligible for these grants. 30 of these children are 18 and older and many are entering into 2-4 year colleges.

As of Fall 2018, 16 young adults will be enrolled in college. Many of these young adults have completed their degrees and have fully entered the work force. Most recently in the Spring, Joseph Ruocco graduated from Louisiana State University, William Ruocco graduated from Quinnipiac University and Christopher Piper graduated from Curry College.

To our donors, we thank you for your commitment to these families. Together, we continue to honor the legacy of our local fallen heroes and watch their children thrive.



MSLF recipients have graduated from the following schools:



MSLF recipients are currently attending the following schools:



## FROM THE STUDENTS



“The MSLF has made my college experience stress free and allowed me to focus on my studies. For that I cannot thank them enough!”

— *Joe Ruocco,*  
*son of Major John Ruocco*



“MSLF has been an amazing resource for myself and my family. From supplying books for my college classes to making it possible to take part in an animal training internship in San Diego, MSLF has always been more than willing to pitch in and help with my education and personal growth.”

— *Katie Kennedy,*  
*daughter of Chief Warrant Officer III Kyran Kennedy*



“If not for the MSLF I could never have achieved or experienced as much as I have during college.”

— *Paul Brown,*  
*son of Harold Brown, CIA*



“The MSLF has supported me in so many ways. Not only have they helped me throughout school, but they held family fun outings such as Kimball Farms. They partnered with an organization and held a Wiffle Ball Tournament in my dad’s name. They have not only ensured an education for me but they have made sure my dad’s name and his sacrifice has not been forgotten. I am forever grateful for the work and the mission of the MSLF, because children of service members do need support after losing our loved ones and the MSLF excels at giving the support.”

— *Kaliegh Hayes, daughter of Sergeant Glenn Allison*

## MSLF MISSION

The Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund (MSLF) was founded in 2004 with a simple goal: to provide educational assistance grants to the children of Massachusetts Servicemembers who died in support of military operations under the Global War on Terrorism by providing educational assistance grants to their children.

The MSLF has raised over \$4.5 Million and will continue to enhance educational pursuits of its 50 families and 81 children. If an individual is a child of a Servicemember, whose service is credited to Massachusetts and who gave their life he/she qualifies.

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