

NDIA's Women In Defense Announces 2016 HORIZONS Scholarship Recipients

Arlington, VA – Women In Defense (WID), an affiliate of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) that cultivates and supports the advancement and recognition of women in all aspects of national security, is pleased to announce the recipients of its annual HORIZONS scholarship program.

“Having the opportunity to serve in the defense of our nation in the military, defense industry or private sector is one of the most gratifying and influential experiences a person can have,” **said Rene’ Carbone Bardorf, Executive Director of Women In Defense and Chief Communications Officer for NDIA.** “It not only shapes an individual’s understanding of our nation’s values, interests and challenges, but it strengthens their character and dedication to a higher calling. These women are actively engaged in finding solutions to our nation’s most complex national security challenges, and we are proud of them for their determination and answering the call to serve our nation.”

Through its HORIZONS scholarship program, Women In Defense offers scholarships to students in undergraduate or graduate programs related to international relations, political science, national security and defense. The 2016 recipients are as follows:

- Elisabeth Whitbeck – Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, National Security Policy
- Kathryn Morisy – Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Strategic Studies and International Economics
- Linnea Johnson – The George Washington University, Data Science
- Lindsay Gabbert – Pennsylvania State University, Homeland Security/Agricultural Biosecurity and Food Defense
- Hannah Lyness – Carnegie Mellon University - Robotics

The HORIZONS program has awarded scholarships to support the advancement of national security and defense careers since 1988. Past HORIZONS recipients have secured careers in the U.S. State Department and Department of Defense, as well as organizations like BAE Systems, Booz Allen Hamilton, Goldman Sachs, RAND Corporation, and SAIC.

For more information about the scholarship program and recipients, please visit www.womenindefense.net.

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Women In Defense is a national organization with 20 chapters throughout the United States. As part of NDIA, the nation's largest and eldest defense association, it convenes the most thoughtful and innovative leaders to advance and advocate for the strength and security of our nation, its allies and partners.