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## ORION'S FIRST MILITARY SCHOLARS HEADED TO SCHOOLS IN 2021!

This spring, six talented applicants from active duty U.S. military families were chosen to receive the first scholarships to attend boarding schools offered through Orion's Military Scholarship Program.

The [scholarship recipients](#) hail from diverse duty stations, military branches and family backgrounds, but all have had to move multiple times due to their parents' military orders.

Beginning Fall 2021, the scholars will attend [Orion's member boarding schools](#) to allow them stable, continuous high school experiences.



Click [here](#) to see our Scholar profiles

# Why Military Kids Need Stability ... And YOU



Typical military children change schools nine times before graduating high school.



97 percent of school professionals believe military students experience more stress and challenges than their civilian peers due to frequent moves and deployments. Military teenagers show more emotional and behavioral difficulties, such as anxiety, depression, withdrawal, and social isolation.



Attending one high school reduces the social disengagement and interruption in academic progress endured by military adolescents. Boarding school offers a four-year, uninterrupted educational experience, where children whose parents serve our country can build strong academic and emotional foundations for bright futures.



## ORION'S DIVERSE CONSORTIUM OF TWELVE MEMBER BOARDING SCHOOLS

[www.orionmilitary.org/our-schools](http://www.orionmilitary.org/our-schools)

Cate School - California  
 Fountain Valley School - Colorado  
 Episcopal High School - Virginia  
 Lawrenceville School - New Jersey  
 Madeira School - Virginia  
 Mercersburg Academy - Pennsylvania

Millbrook School - New York  
 Portsmouth Abbey School - Rhode Island  
 Randolph-Macon Academy - Virginia  
 St. Andrew's School - Delaware  
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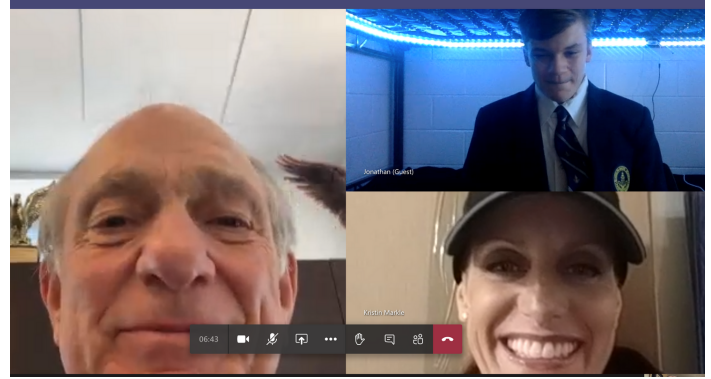
# Orion Adds New Day USA Foundation to List of Patriotic Partners

Earlier this year, Orion partnered with New Day USA Foundation, the philanthropy arm of a national veteran's mortgage company, to meet each charity's common goal of offering educational opportunities to military kids. New Day USA Foundation seeks to provide scholarships to veterans' children who are enrolled in JROTC programs, and Orion's current member school, Randolph-Macon Academy offers an Air Force JROTC program.

"New Day needed help finding JROTC candidates, and Orion needed to expand its funding sources, so this partnership benefits both organizations equally," explained Orion's Vice President of Military Affairs, Capt. Francis Molinari (USN, Ret.)

Orion's scholars include JROTC Cadet Jonathan Markle, who is the 2021 recipient of the first Orion-New Day scholarship to Randolph-Macon Academy. Co-chairman of New Day USA Foundation, Rear Admiral Tom Lynch (USN, Ret.) expressed his appreciation, saying, thanks to Orion, his foundation is "able to assist deserving military families.

New Day USA Foundation is now on Orion's growing list of patriotic partners, which also includes The Military Child Education Coalition, Blue Star Families, and The Association of Boarding Schools.



Screenshot of Admiral Lynch (left) notifying R-MA JROTC Cadet Jonathan Markle (upper right) and his mother Kristin Markle (lower right) of their Orion-New Day USA Foundation Scholarship Award



**MEET TEAM  
ORION!**

Orion is lead by co-founders Eric & Krista Peterson and Francis & Lisa Molinari. But our efforts would not succeed without Orion's talented and passionate team of advisors and ambassadors!



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