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Okaloosa County JROTC Cadets Awarded Prestigious Scholarships by Air and Space Forces Association

The Okaloosa County School District is proud to recognize the outstanding achievements of five exceptional JROTC cadets recently awarded scholarships by the Air and Space Forces Association (AFA) Eglin Chapter Education Foundation. The scholarship awards were presented during a special reception held on Tuesday, April 15, at the Air Force Armament Museum at Eglin Air Force Base. The honored cadets represent the strength and dedication of our JROTC programs at Choctawhatchee, Fort Walton Beach, and Niceville High Schools. Scholarship Recipients:

- Cadet Penelope Ashby, Niceville High School – Maggie Hsu Scholarship
- Cadet Layth Atrakchi, Choctawhatchee High School – Cliff Long, Sr. Leadership Scholarship
- Cadet Chriscelle Pardillo, Fort Walton Beach High School – Jerry Nabors Memorial Scholarship
- Cadet Owen Clift, Niceville High School – Jimmy Doolittle Scholarship
- Cadet Lincoln Dooley, Niceville High School – General Bill Kirk Scholarship

“These cadets exemplify the values of leadership, service, and excellence that define our JROTC programs,” said Superintendent Marcus Chambers. “We are incredibly proud of their achievements and thankful to the Air and Space Forces Association Eglin Chapter for investing in their futures. These young men and women represent the very best of Okaloosa County, and we know they will go on to do great things.”

The Okaloosa County School District remains committed to supporting and celebrating our JROTC programs, which continue to shape the next generation of leaders both in our community and across the nation.



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