

2018 Lambert and Annetje Van Valkenburg Memorial Scholarship Competition

FIRST PLACE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The NAVVF is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2018 Lambert and Annetje Van Valkenburg Memorial Scholarship is Johnston (Jake) Eric Van Valkenburg of Chatanooga, TN. The scholarship prize is \$1,500.

Jake is currently a junior at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia where he is majoring in Communication and Rhetoric Studies, with a minor in Theatre. He expects to graduate in 2019. Jake is also President of University Singers.

Jake is the son of Rodney Van Valkenburg, originally of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Julie Johnston Van Valkenburg born in Raleigh, NC. He is the grandson of longtime NAVVF members Ernest and Leola Van Valkenburg. In his well-researched essay entitled "Profile: Catharine Van Valkenberg Waite," Jake brings to light the remarkable activities and accomplishments of this long-ignored 19th century lawyer, writer and pioneer for women's suffrage and equal rights.

The Scholarship Committee heartily thanks Jake for illuminating for us today details from the life of an extraordinary Van Valkenberg woman whose history deserves to be remembered and celebrated. Jake's winning essay will be published in the Spring issue of the NAVVF News Notes.

SECOND PLACE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Occasionally the Scholarship Committee opts to acknowledge a second place winner when we read an application essay of such high value that we wish to share it with the entire membership.

This year's second place winner is Nick Davidson of San Diego, CA, son of Holly Jane Van Valkenberg of Madison, WI, and Richard Allen Davidson of Flint, MI. Nick is currently a senior at Claremont HS. His essay entitled, "Cycling Through Life" describes the tremendous impact made by his grandfather, Philip Van Valkenberg, on the Wisconsin cycling industry. Nick will be granted a special honorarium of \$500 and his essay will be published in a subsequent issue of the NAVVF News Notes.

The Committee wishes to thank all of this year's applicants to the scholarship competition, each of whom will receive a one-year membership in the NAVVF.