

Duke D. Walton

STUDENT PILOT · EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATE (PENDING BOARD OF REVIEW) · AFJROTC

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Student pilot with a first solo and 55 flight hours in the PA-28, training toward the FAA Private Pilot Certificate on a $12,500 flight scholarship. Top 5% student with 30 college credits through dual enrollment, Eagle Scout candidate, and leader in Civil Air Patrol, AFJROTC and Scouting.

Top 5%	3.71 / 4.24	30	Solo	781
CLASS RANK 19 OF 327	UNWEIGHTED / WEIGHTED GPA	COLLEGE CREDITS DUAL ENROLLMENT	PA-28 · 55 HRS PART 107 CERTIFIED	VERIFIED PAID INSTRUCTION HOURS

EDUCATION

Central Florida Aerospace Academy at Kathleen High School — CLASS OF 2027

Lakeland, Florida

3.71 unweighted · 4.235 weighted · Rank 19 of 327. National Honor Society. Honors (2024), High Honors (2025), Honors with Distinction (2026).

Polk State College — EARLY ADMISSION

Dual Enrollment Student

30 college credits across English, mathematics, history, humanities, technical writing and aerospace.

AVIATION

James C. Ray Flight Training Scholarship — $12,500 RECIPIENT

Student Pilot · Winter Haven Regional Airport

- First solo in a PA-28 Cherokee; 55 flight hours logged and training toward the FAA Private Pilot Certificate.
- FAA Student Pilot Certificate · Private Pilot Knowledge Exam passed · First Class Medical · Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificate (June 2026).

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Civil Air Patrol — CADET 2ND LT

Flight Commander · Recruitment Officer · Billy Mitchell Award

- Command a cadet flight and mentor prospective and new cadets through onboarding and early promotion.
- Completed encampment (2025), leadership/NCO training (2026) and Cyber Foundations at JBSA-Lackland (July 2026); active in geospatial activities.

Air Force Junior ROTC — 3 YEARS

Flight Commander · Master Sergeant

- Promoted from Technical Sergeant to Master Sergeant; led physical training, served in Drum Corps and competed in CyberPatriot.

Scouting America · Troop 104 — EAGLE BOARD PENDING

Senior Patrol Leader · Asst. Senior Patrol Leader · Junior Asst. Scoutmaster

- Senior Patrol Leader (May 2025–Jan 2026): ran troop meetings, camping logistics and instruction for younger Scouts.
- Eagle project: built CFAA's Pathway to Pilot display, coordinating models, signage, donations and school approval. Ceremony scheduled November 2026.
- Order of the Arrow (Ordeal); contributed to camp service and waterfront landscaping.

Florida American Legion Boys State · 82nd Session — 2026

Selected Delegate · Assemblyman · Federalist Party CFO Candidate

- Served in the Boys State legislature and campaigned for party Chief Financial Officer. Also completed the 10th Judicial Circuit Justice and Advocacy Academy.

EMPLOYMENT

Camp Daniel Boone — SUMMERS 2024–2026

Summer Staff, Scoutcraft & Going Great · Assistant Area Director (2025)

- 781 verified paid hours across three summers (311 in 2024, 319 in 2025, 151 in 2026). Named Staff Member of the Week.
- Taught Wilderness Survival, Camping, Search and Rescue, Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit; coordinated instructors, schedules and camper requirement tracking.
- Led a simulated rescue using improvised stretchers, splinting and evacuation, uniting Scouts from different program areas in one team exercise.

Family Ranch · Green Swamp, Florida — YEAR-ROUND

Ranch Hand

- Care daily for cattle, chickens and rabbits, balancing ranch work with school, flight training, Scouting and Civil Air Patrol.

ATHLETICS & OUTDOORS

Varsity Athletics
Swimming and wrestling, Kathleen High School

On the Water & Trail
Sea Base 10-day sailing and shore adventure · NAUI-certified scuba diver · Philmont Rayado crew, 70-mile mountain trek

COMMUNITY SERVICE

SUN 'n FUN · RED ACES — 2025–2026

Aviation Volunteer · Radio Interviewer, Editor and Producer

- Served 11 days at SUN 'n FUN 2026 in airside crowd control, hangar security, setup and warbird-ramp safety; radio volunteer intern in 2025.
- 122 volunteer hours: 60 with RED ACES, 52 at aviation events and 10 with Gulf Stream Council.
- Supported Commemorative Air Force airshows and St. Petersburg aviation preservation; featured guest speaker at an annual Scouting fundraising dinner.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Technical
JavaScript, Python and C++ coursework · Fusion 360 and AutoCAD certifications · Drone Club · CAP geospatial

Beyond the Classroom
Chess competitor since 6th grade, District Category Champion · Community theater actor · Guitar and violin

AFFILIATIONS

Lakeland Aero Club · Aerospace Center for Excellence · Experimental Aircraft Association · Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association · Soaring Society of America · Commemorative Air Force (Cadet)