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Freedom Alliance Announces 2017 Scholarship Fund Student Ambassador

Son of fallen hero to help raise awareness of sacrifices made by military families

DULLES, Va. – (May 22, 2017) – Freedom Alliance, an organization supporting our nation’s military and injured service members, has named Jacob Rangel as its 2017 Scholarship Fund Student Ambassador. Jacob has received two Freedom Alliance Scholarships and is finishing his junior year at Kutztown University, majoring in Communication Studies with a minor in Public Relations, New Media and Digital Literacy. As Student Ambassador, the 21-year-old will represent the hundreds of Freedom Alliance Scholarship recipients at various events, make media appearances and raise awareness of the help for, and sacrifices made by, military families. This position is a summer internship, for which Jacob will receive academic credit.

Freedom Alliance honors and supports wounded service members and military families in a variety of ways. Through their Scholarship Fund, the organization provides more than \$1 million each year in college scholarships to the children of fallen and disabled troops.

Jacob’s father, Air Force Staff Sergeant Ray Rangel, was a firefighter with the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron at Dyess Air Force Base, near Abilene, Texas. In 2005, he died in Iraq while trying to save two soldiers trapped in a Humvee that overturned in a canal. Rangel left behind a total of four children. Jacob’s older brother, Justin, is also a recipient of a Freedom Alliance Scholarship.

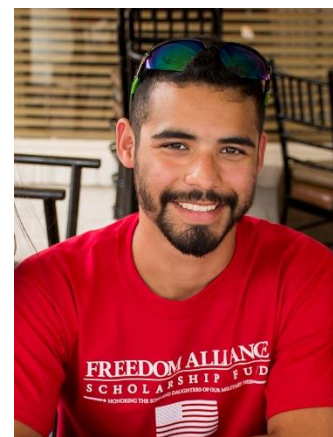
Since 2003, Freedom Alliance has awarded \$11 million in educational assistance to nearly 1,000 children of fallen or wounded military heroes. The organization provided a record number 323 college scholarships totaling \$1.3 million in 2016.

“Jacob’s dad gave his life for this country,” said president of Freedom Alliance, Tom Kilgannon. “We honor his sacrifice by caring for Ray Rangel’s family and helping his son go to college. Anybody who spends five minutes with Jacob, will see what a man of honor and integrity his father was, because he instilled it in Jacob at an early age.”

There are an estimated 6,000 children who have lost a parent in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, who may be eligible for the Freedom Alliance Scholarship. Freedom Alliance is now accepting applications for the upcoming academic year. This scholarship is awarded to undergraduate students once per academic year and is renewable for a total of four terms. Interested students can find additional details at www.FAScholarship.com/.

About Freedom Alliance

Freedom Alliance is a charitable organization which provides help and support to wounded troops and military families. Freedom Alliance has awarded more than \$11 million in college scholarships to the children of military heroes and spent millions more helping injured veterans and military families with recreational therapy, Heroes Vacations, care packages for deployed troops, mortgage-free homes, all-terrain wheel chairs and much more. You can learn more about Freedom Alliance at www.FreedomAlliance.org or www.Facebook.com/FreedomAlliance.



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