

## 2024 Floyd E. McDonald Scholarship Winner



Hello! My name is Cayla See and I am a senior at Ohio University majoring in forensic chemistry. Since the age of seven, I've always known that I wanted to be a forensic scientist. After graduation, I hope to work as a drug chemist, toxicologist, or explosives chemist at a government laboratory. I recently finished an internship at the ATF, where I researched different detection, collection, and packaging methods for TATP, a common homemade explosive. This internship has made me even more excited to start my career next year! At OU, I serve as an undergraduate representative for the chemistry alumni board, and I am the treasurer of our chemistry fraternity, Alpha Chi Sigma. These roles give me the chance to engage with my community and get others interested in forensic science. I am also in the process of writing my senior thesis on gunshot residue extraction and analysis. What I love most about forensic science is that I have the opportunity to help better and protect my community. This career gives me the chance to obtain justice for a victim and their family, as well as the ability to help exonerate the wrongfully convicted. Outside of school, I love to bake and cook, play video games, draw, and watch musicals. The Floyd E. McDonald Scholarship will help me finish my final year of college with minimal financial stress. Thank you!