

Ben Fischl

When Ben Fischl received the Brian LaViolette Scholarship in 2008 he stated, *“As if I wasn’t excited enough to go into the Air Force Academy, now I have a great legacy to carry with me,”* referring to Brian LaViolette and the mission of his foundation.



Ben is special to us, as all of our recipients are. When we met Ben at the age of 18, we knew he had a great compassion for others and life in general. We have watched him grow even more passionate and more determined to make a difference.

Several years ago, Ben told us that his loans have been paid off and instead of keeping the remainder of the scholarship for other expenses; he donated \$1,000 back to Brian’s Foundation. *“I gave back to the Foundation because it is so important to do for others exactly what has been done for you. I want future generations to be blessed by Brian’s scholarship in the same way that I was.”*

Ben is a First Lieutenant and has been stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base the past 3 years where he works in the Medical Service Corps. He is currently in a CFO position at a hospital. Before that position, he worked as a Medical Emergency Manager and helped deploy medics from Little Rock to locations all over the world. Ben tells us that he loves being in this career field and will be earning his Master’s in Hospital Administration from Baylor University.



Ben and his wife, Rachel married 2 years ago. They met in the Arkansas but she also grew up in the Midwest. One of their instant connections was their love for the Packers!



Ben reflects on the time on the time of the interview and receiving the scholarship....*"My favorite thing about the time was that the LaViolettes seemed more concerned with who I was as a person than what I was doing or where I was going."*



"I think often about how the LaViolette's trusted me to do exactly what I set out to do when I came to the Air Force Academy. There are so many people who choose to walk away from this opportunity because of the difficulty it brings. I was fortunate enough to have their support and encouragement to finish the race."

Ben's heart and compassion for others will continue to be an inspiration as he believes in and enjoys life's journey