

**United States Military Academy
at
West Point**



2023

**Awards Convocation and Superintendent's Awards for
Excellence and Achievement and Distinguished Cadet
Awards Ceremony**

Thursday, May 25, 2023

7:00 PM

Eisenhower Hall Theater

PROGRAM

WelcomeStaff Sergeant Megan C. Cardone
United States Military Academy Band, Mistress of Ceremonies

Entrance of the Official Party

National Anthem..... United States Military Academy Band

Invocation Chaplain (Colonel) Keith N. Goode
Chaplain, United States Corps of Cadets

Superintendent's Remarks Lieutenant General Steven W. Gilland
Superintendent

Presentation of Awards..... Board of Directors, Donors, and Award Recipients

Final Remarks..... Staff Sergeant Brian G. Eib
United States Military Academy Band, Master of Ceremony

Alma Mater..... United States Military Academy Band

The Staff and Faculty of the United States Military Academy extends a hearty congratulations to all graduates and Cadets receiving awards for their outstanding achievements. The awards for this ceremony are donated by prominent organizations and individuals in recognition of outstanding achievement by Cadets in academic, military, and athletic endeavors. The United States Military Academy expresses sincere appreciation to the donors for their generosity which made this award ceremony possible.



Steven W. Gilland
Lieutenant General
Superintendent
United States Military Academy



Mark C. Quander
Brigadier General
Commandant of
Cadets



Shane R. Reeves
Brigadier General
Dean of the
Academic Board



Mike J. Buddie
Director of
Intercollegiate
Athletics



Dr. Jeffrey D. Peterson
Director, Character
Integration Advisory
Group



Phil K. Barretto
Command Sergeant Major
Command Sergeant Major,
United States Military
Academy

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Colonel James Yastrzemsky

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Commandant, United States Corps of Cadets

Dean of the Academic Board

Director of Athletics

Professor and Head, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership

Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry and Life Science

Professor and Head, Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering

Professor and Head, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Professor and Acting Head, Department of English and Philosophy

Professor and Head, Department of Foreign Languages

Professor and Head, Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering

Professor and Head, Department of History

Professor and Head, Department of Law

Professor and Head, Department of Mathematical Sciences

Professor and Head, Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering

Professor and Head, Department of Social Sciences

Professor and Head, Department of Systems Engineering

Professor and Head, Department of Physical Education

Director of Admissions

Director, Department of Military Instruction

Director, Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic

Vice Dean for Academic Affairs

Brigade Tactical Officer

UNITED STATES CORPS OF CADETS

CLASS OF 2023 CREST



Displayed boldly beneath a fierce eagle, the class of 2023's motto reads, "Freedom is not Free." This motto is a reminder of the Soldiers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country. Every member of our class is willing to make this same sacrifice. "Freedom is not Free" will be a daily reminder of those who have served or are currently serving, and the legacy that they have left as inspiration for us as future officers.

Building off our gratitude for those who served before us, the crest bears symbology from our fifty-year affiliate class, USMA class of 1973. The font of our class year and "USMA" were created to stylistically mirror the 1973 crest. Additionally, beneath each of the eagle's three talons, we can count seven chain links, symbolizing their graduation year. However, the chain not only represents our connection to the class of 1973, but to each other. It is a reminder of our purpose. The breaking of the chain is representative of our fight against oppression and tyranny in the defense of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The outstretched wings of the eagle serve as a shield against those same evils. The eagle serves as a defender of the nation, its people, and its values.

In keeping with tradition, we chose to incorporate the eagle to encapsulate bravery; the flag to represent freedom; and the olive and oak leaves to embody victory and resilience. These historical images depict the values that the class of 2023 internalizes—values that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. As we look forward towards our careers in the military, we understand that today we are cadets, here to learn, so that tomorrow we may be officers meant to lead. This transition from cadets to officers is represented by the sabers that frame the bald eagle.

Since 1835, every West Point class has chosen its own crest to represent what it stands for, and we are no different. Our crest is meant to unify a diverse group from a variety of backgrounds. However different we are, we are united by our willingness to serve in defense of freedom and the values enshrined in the Constitution. The crest itself is a symbol of this unity, a physical manifestation to represent our connection to one another and our dedication to our mission.

SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARDS

306th Infantry Award

Excellence in Men's Physical Development over Four Years

William Rais Rankin

Army Athletic Association Trophy (Female)

Most Valuable Service to Athletics during Her Career as a Cadet

Lauren Emily Drysdale

Army Athletic Association Trophy (Male)

Most Valuable Service to Athletics during His Career as a Cadet

Kevin Mitchell Dubrule

Association of the United States Army Award

Best exemplifies the traditions of the United States Military Academy and the United States Army

Marley Evalyn Wait

Bainbridge-Reynolds-Hayden Family Memorial Award

Highest Standing in all History Courses

Anthony Carl Marco III

Brigadier General Charles H. Schilling Award

Excellence in Civil Engineering

Gregory Antonio Roger Langone

Brigadier General Charles J. Barrett Memorial Award

Excellence in Advanced Foreign Language Study

Kyle Emerson Cady

Brigadier General Elvin R. Heiberg Memorial Award

Highest Composite Standing in Applied Science and Engineering

Elle Marie Bennett

Brigadier General Gerald A. Counts Memorial Award

Highest Rating in Physics

Samantha Christine Damonte

Brigadier General Herman Beukema Memorial Award

Excellence in Political Science

Seth Philip Benson

Brigadier General John R. Jannarone Memorial Award

Highest Class Standing in Academics

Elle Marie Bennett

Brigadier General Richard J. Tallman, Class of 1949 Memorial Award

Fourth Highest Class Standing

Malina Okubo Hatton

Brigadier General Winfield S. Scott Memorial Award

Excellence in Engineering Management

Kinsey Maclellan Barnett

Cadet Darlene Lee Dondero Memorial Award

Most Valuable Player on the Women's Softball Team

Brook Ann Mitchell

Carl Robert Arvin Memorial Award

*Graduating Member of the Wrestling Team who best exemplifies the qualities of Leadership,
Scholarship, and Commitment to Army Wrestling*
Christian Todd Hunt

Chilean Army Award for Excellence in Military Leadership

Highest Class Grade in Cadet Leader Development Training
Caleb Scott Richardson

Class of 1923 Memorial Award

Outstanding Graduating Member of the Men's Swimming Team
Sean Joseph Dwyer

Class of 1930 Award

Highest Degree of Excellence in Economics
Louis Thomas Guzzi

Class of 1998 Award

Most Valuable Player on the Women's Track Team
Kayley Jean Ragazzini

Class of 1999 Award

Cadet Officer Commanding Fourth Regiment
Deana Spencer Arbelaez

Colonel Edward H. White II Memorial Award

Outstanding Graduating Member of the Men's Soccer Team
Luke Vincent Doyle

Colonel Herbert Bainbridge Hayden Memorial Award

Highest Standing in Basic Sciences
Alexander James Liesen

Colonel John A. Robenson Memorial Award

Outstanding Player on the 150 lb. Football Team
Donovan John Mannion

Colonel John S. Roosma Memorial Award

Most Valuable Player on the Men's Basketball Team
Jalen Anthony Rucker

Colonel Russell P. "Red" Reeder, Jr. Award

Outstanding Player on the Baseball Team
Kevin Mitchell Dubrule

Colonel Theodore S. Westhusing Memorial Award

Third Highest Class Standing
Elle Marie Bennett

Colonel Thruston Hughes Memorial Award

Most Valuable Player on the Football Team
Marquel Antonio Broughton

Command Sergeant Major Joseph A. Morris Memorial Award

Outstanding Cadet Command Sergeant Major
Yousef Muneer Koborsi

Congressional Medal of Honor Society Award

Excellence in Geography
Ryan Michael Giles

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 Award

Brigade Adjutant of the United States Corps of Cadets
Alma Oralia Minerva Cooper

Deborah Mackey McDannell Award

Most Valuable Player on the Women's Soccer Team
Emma Madison Richey

Eisenhower Award

Excellence in Military Psychology and Leadership
Dianna Rose Boyer

First Lieutenant David R. Bernstein Memorial Award

Cadet with Fifth Highest Class Standing
Alicyn Faith Grete

First Lieutenant Elissa M. Bergevin Memorial Award

Most Valuable Player on the Women's Volleyball Team
Sayler Ann Butters

Fred E. McNiff Memorial Award

Outstanding Graduating Member of the Men's Track Team
Christopher Rowe Barrett

General Douglas MacArthur Memorial Award

Cadet Officer Commanding First Regiment
Marquel Antonio Broughton

General John J. Pershing Award

Highest Rating in Military Science over the Four Year Course
Mark Andrew Nylund

General Robert E. Wood Distinguished Cadet Award

Highest Class Standing
Kai Lal Youngren

General of the Army Omar N. Bradley Award

Excellence in Elective Mathematics Studies
Dominic Anthony Rudakevych

Hal Beukema Memorial Award

Outstanding Hockey Player
Joseph Antonio Baez

Hartinger Award

Most Valuable Player on the Lacrosse Team
William Thomas Coletti

Institute of World Politics Award for Excellence in Cyber Statecraft

Excellence in Cyber Statecraft
Benjamin Edwin Wettstein

James Dillon Clinton Memorial Award

Brigade Executive Officer of the United States Corps of Cadets
Annalise Cariene Callaghan

Knox Trophy

Highest Standing in the Military Program, Determined by the Cumulative Military Program Score
Kyle Joseph Kass

Kramer-Rumbaugh Award

Outstanding Graduating Member of the Women's Cross Country Team
Lily Catherine Nunnery

Lieutenant Colonel John F. Martin, Class of 1953 Memorial Award

Chairperson of the Respect Program Advisory Committee
Sage McKenzie Peters

Lieutenant Colonel Len M. Hanawald Memorial Award

Deputy Brigade Commander of the United States Corps of Cadets
Kai Lal Youngren

Lieutenant General Robert F. Foley Award of Honor

Graduating Cadet who has Gone Through and Overcome Difficult Circumstances while a Cadet
Justin Arthur Free

Lieutenant General William H. Arnold Memorial Award

Cadet Officer Commanding the Third Regiment
Carly Peyton Moore

Major General Francis Vinton Greene Memorial Award

Highest Class Standing
Kai Lal Youngren

Major General Henry L. Hogan III Memorial Award

Class President of Graduating Class
Melic Gjorgen Belong

Major General John D. Altenburg, Jr. Award

Outstanding Achievement in Law
Kai Lal Youngren

Major General Joseph P. Cleland Memorial Leadership Award

Chairperson of the Cadet Honor Committee
Cammack Yates Whiton Shepler

Major General Philip H. Draper Memorial Award

Most Valuable Player on the Women's Basketball Team
Sabria Marie Hunter

Major General Richard J. Meyer Memorial Award

Most Valuable Player on the Golf Team
John David Heckel Jr.

Major General Robert T. Frederick Leadership Award

Graduating Cadet who shows Personal and Moral Courage, a Leader-from-the-Front Attitude, Calm in the Chaos, Physical Fitness, and Selfless Service. A First Class Cadet who scored among the highest in their LARA Score Assessments during Cadet Leader Development Training
Haley Michele Seaward

Mary Arkell Price Award

Most Valuable Player on the Women's Tennis Team
Elizabeth Ann Gilbert

Military and Security Society Award

Excellence in Operations Research
Pier Hudson Anders Storm Bos

Military Order of the World Wars Award

Graduating Cadet who made the Greatest Improvement since Completion of Fourth Class Year
Cade Houston Ballard

National Commandery, Military Order of Foreign Wars of United States Award

Excellence in Leadership and Management Studies

Luke Vincent Doyle

National Ladies Auxiliary, Jewish War Veterans of United States of America Award

Highest Rating in Humanities

Samuel Texas Herzog

National Organization of the American Legion Auxiliary Award

Cadet Officer Commanding Second Regiment

Rhett William Perry

National Organization of the American Legion Award

Highest GPA in Chemistry and Life Science

Malina Okubo Hutton

National Society Colonial Dames of the XVII Century Award

Excellence in Systems Engineering

Mary Ellen Bell

National Society, Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century Award

Excellence in Philosophy and Literature

Jordyn Faith Kenkel

Olmsted Foundation Award

Second Highest Class Standing

Kyle Joseph Kass

Order of the Founders and Patriots of America Award

Excellence in Environmental Science or Environmental Engineering

Marley Evalyn Wait

Pershing Sword Award

Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander

Lauren Emily Drysdale

Peruvian Army Award

Highest Class Standing

Kai Lal Youngren

Pierce Currier Foster Memorial Trophy Award

Best All Round Gymnast

Joseph E Buselmeier

Rex Storch Award

Most Valuable Player on the Women's Swimming Team

Angela Huang

Rumbaugh Family Award

Outstanding Graduating Member of the Men's Cross Country Team

Garrett Samuel Gough

Secretary Michael W. Wynne Cyber Leadership Award

Outstanding Graduating Cyber Leader

Edward Marvin Tang

Sewell Tappan Tyng Memorial Award

Highest Rating in Nuclear Engineering

Logan James Doyle

Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia Award

First Class Member of the Cadet Honor Committee with the Highest Class Standing
Gregory Antonio Roger Langone

Suzanne and Walter Scott, Jr. Memorial Award

Highest Degree of Excellence in Mechanical Engineering
Timothy Austin Bradley Widner

Thompson Family Memorial Award

Cadet in Graduating Class Most Distinguished in Writing Across the Curriculum
Michael Paul Manetti

Ulysses S. Grant Memorial Award

Excellence in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Edward Marvin Tang

Uruguayan Army Award

Highest Class Standing
Kai Lal Youngren

West Point Chapter, Daughters of the United States Army Award

Excellence in Women's Physical Development over Four Years
Emily Elise Urkov

Youth Foundation Award

Most Valuable Player on the Men's Tennis Team
Andrew Jeffrey Woodman

**Superintendent's Award for Excellence
with Distinguished Cadet Award**

Awarded to the Top 5% of each class for outstanding performance in all three programs (equally weighted) who also achieved an Academic GPA of 3.67 or higher. The awards consist of a Gold Star Encircled by a Wreath and a separate Gold Star.

Anthony Benjamin Amaru
Mary Ellen Bell
Elle Marie Bennett
Natalie Rose Block
Chandlor Wells Bucklin
Alexandra Marie Cajigal
Alma Oralia Minerva Cooper
Elijah Abraham Dabkowski
Colin Joseph Day
Luke Vincent Doyle
Bryn Mae Ellwein
Brooke Marie Finnessy
Meredith Frances Fusselman
Jack Thomas Galante
Abigail June Graham
Colin Jonathan Gray
Tyler James Gregory
Alicyn Faith Grete
Louis Thomas Guzzi
Aaron David Hall
Malina Okubo Hatton
Jordan David Heida
Samuel Texas Herzog
Yousef Muneer Koborsi
Victoria C-Ying Lam
Anthony Carl Marco
Taylor Nicole Miller
Grant Michael Parker
Grant Mitchell Price
William Rais Rankin
Erika Marguerite Rapp
Liam Raeford Sasser
Gillian Elizabeth Scott
Emily Elise Urkov
Marley Evalyn Wait
Kai Lal Youngren

Superintendent's Award for Excellence

Awarded to the Top 5% of each class for outstanding performance in all three programs (equally weighted): Academic, Military, and Physical. The award consists of a Gold Star Encircled by a Wreath.

Deana Spencer Arbelaez
James Roger Baker
Quinn Foster Binney
Connor Stephen Bishop
Edward Thomas Custy
Lauren Emily Drysdale
Naomi Osarumen Edegbe
Thomas Blake Mitchell
Carly Peyton Moore
Rhett William Perry
Matthew Ryan Pharis
Corrigan Paige Railey
Willem Patrick Schuddeboom

Superintendent's Award for Achievement

Awarded to the Top 6-20% of each class for outstanding performance in all three programs (equally weighted): Academic, Military, and Physical. The award consists of a Gold Wreath.

Parker Graham Adams
Mackenzie Elizabeth Arns
Kinsey Maclellan Barnett
Corban Glenn Barstow
Seth Philip Benson
Michael Anthony Bonifazio
Dianna Rose Boyer
Christopher Waterman Braman
Alex Michael Burgess
Justin Michael Cannon
Grady Jiggs Chapman
Logan James Doyle
Kelsie Ashergaye Edie
Gary Burningham Fuller
Josiah Robert Gibson
Ryan Michael Giles
Dylan Henry Golden
Gilbert Owren Hankinson
Ryan Thomas Jackovic
Edwin Jang
Henry David Jensen
Brendon Lynn Johns
John Coleman Keeley
Grace Elizabeth Keith
Michael Andrew Kovacevic
Gregory Antonio Roger Langone
Alexander James Liesen
Benjamin David Lockey
Michael Zane Mazur
Matthew Thomas Miller
Stephanie Jihae Nam
Mark Andrew Nylund
Jack Quinlan O'Neil
Andrew Richard Obrzut
Thomas Anthony Padilla
Evelyn Michelle Pickett
Gregg Dean Puttkammer
Malachy Quinn Reagan
Matthew John Swierkowski
Jacob Hogan Teague
Ashley Ulricson
Vani Verma
Edwin Love West
Timothy Austin Bradley Widner
Jaden Anderson Wingfield

Superintendent's Award for Achievement with Distinguished Cadet Award

Awarded to the Top 6-20% of each class for outstanding performance in all three programs (equally weighted) who also achieved an Academic GPA of 3.67 or higher. The awards consist of a Gold Wreath and a separate Gold Star.

Shane Takumi Barry	Caleb Seth Jeffries
Jordan Lee Bates	Mark Francis Kirby
Hillary Rae Bellah	Tyler Jon Komorowski
Jackson Hunter Bertelsen	Alexander Eric Kuhr
Ian Philip Bickerton	Thomas Charles Lake
Owen Daniel Bieger	William Edward Leary
Annesley Elizabeth Black	Renee Ann Lechner
Audra Elizabeth Bloch	Garrett Glen Marshall
Christian Daniel Tuschoff Bobo	Alexis Ann Martin
Tessa Preet Bomke	Luke Charles Masisak
Parker Layne Boomer	Connor Thomas McGurk
Cole Robert Breton	Sophia Marie McKenzie
Kyle Emerson Cady	Nolan Troy Michels
Alyssa Brielle Carfagno	Clayburn Lee Milford
Jack Cameron Carlson	Charles David Eckart Mills
Henry Colligan Carroll	Daniel Ryan Minyard
Jack Michael Chace	Russell Stewart Myers
Joseph Joaquin Chedzoy	Margaret Mary Neumeyer
Amanda Trinity Chomo	Mason Dewayne Nunn
Rudolph Caleb Mapelli Churchill	Aidan Paul O'Dowd
Jacob Michael Corsaro	Hailey Jordan Ostby
David Edward Counts	Jonah Michael East Park
Alexander Daniel Cummings	Cathleen Marie Parker
Conrad Luke Davis	Kyle Ram Patel
Andrew Knox Dent	Cameron Lee Patterson
Jessica Helen Desena	Elizabeth Shae Pepper
Jared Scott Dingle	Kieran Thomas Place
Ashley Jenna Dolan	Jacob Steven Plutt
Liam Breese Dowd	Megan Katherine Potter
Collin Mitchell Dyches	Emma Richards-Smith
Lauren Vogler Elliott	Christian Richard Rieger
Jacob Benjamin Estrada	Dashiell Baldwin Rogers
Devin Lee Gay	Dominic Anthony Rudakevych
Alexandra Dianne Gibbs	William Thomas Schreck
Jacob Patrick Goodwin	Sydney Marie Shannon
Garrett Samuel Gough	Caroline Elizabeth Sheard
Zachary Walton Gould	Noah Michael Sheffield
Kristen Choquette Guiney	Zachary Thomas Simon
Samantha Taylor Gunn	Lakhan Singh
Cora Gretchen Haefner	Grace Elizabeth Nuckols Snyder
Kamryn Alexis Hall	Zenon Robert Stepien
Bahn Suk Han	Joseph Daniel Taptich
Dirk Ryan Herschberger	Alechandra Maria Terenas
Matthew Ryan Hester	Madison Genevieve Tolston
Daniel Aaron Hoffman	Vivian Tsai
Sarah Hannelore Hollis	Jackson Felix Tyler
Hunter Mansfield Holt	Nathan Kyle Vowinkel
Eda Joy Hopkins	Jude Warren Watkins
Christian Todd Hunt	Marshall Ray Wemmer
Will David Jefferson	Lane Neal Zuchowski

Distinguished Cadet Award

Awarded for achieving a 3.67 or higher Academic GPA.
The award consists of a Gold Star.

Alessia Ann Antonacci
Thomas D Beggs
Caitlin Marie Blevins
Kai Alexander Burgman
Rafael Castellano
Michael Patrick Centanni
Sydney Nishtha Coston
Samantha Christine Damonte
Bogdan Daniliuc
Joshua Paul Bartolome Deguzman
Brant Philip Demoss
Ryan Raymond Deschene
Nathan Robert Doshi
John Carney Eckhardt
Kiersten Ymkje Eggers
John Anderson Farley
Kyle Andrew Gallardo
Joseph Grant Garcia
Pierce Andrew Garver
Anders Christian Grau
Erica Sylvia Harper
Christopher Yancey Holmes
Jacob Mart Odom Huckelberry
Alec Edward Jacobs
Kyle Joseph Kass
Jordyn Faith Kenkel
Colton Stephen Kerr
Max Gerald Kohmetscher
Tristen Rainier Mcalstairs Laney
Emmett Robert Lepp
Nicholas Edward Liebers
Stanley Liu
Anna Marie Mancari
Michael Paul Manetti
Levy Elaine Margolin
Hannah Rose Matsas
Theodore Francis Mayer
John Colton Mayle
Martin Richard McDonald
Isaiah Zachary McElderry
Madison Mei McGovern
Mitchell James Miller
Gerald Dwayne Moore
Robert Allen Morrison
Michael Anthony Norris
Jack Spencer Perreault
Jaxon Jefferson Porter
Jacqueline Ann Puskas
Christopher Dante Ricciardi
Robert Philip Rizzo
Benjamin Bowie Ryan
Weerachai Sangiumpaisankij
Cammack Yates Whiton Shepler
Olivia Catherine Skelton
Christopher Joseph Sowinski
Edward Marvin Tang
Joshua Dow Taylor
Daniel Joseph Walker
Noah Jaxon Watkins
Philip Kenneth West
James Laurence Williams
Margaret Townson Williams
Jacob Price Willis
Robert Campbell Woody
Chiara Maria Wurdack Simmons
Alvin Lee Ye

MEMORIES

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ALMA MATER

Hail, Alma Mater, dear!
To us be ever near,
Help us they motto bear,
Thru all the years
Let DUTY be well performed
HONOR be e'er untarn'd
COUNTRY be ever armed
West Point, by thee!

Guide us, thine own aright,
Teach us by day, by night,
To keep thine honor bright,
For thee to fight.
When we depart from thee,
Serving on land or sea,
May we still loyal be,
West Point, to thee!

And when our work is done,
Our course on earth is run
May it be said, "Well done.
Be though at peace."
E'er may that line of gray
Increase from day to day:
Live, serve, and die, we pray,
West Point, for thee

