

UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES  
RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS  
AT  
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
AND  
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

# FOURTH ANNUAL JOINT ROTC AWARDS CEREMONY

**LSU**



THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015  
FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON  
COTILLION BALLROOM LSU UNION  
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA





## AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS MISSION

Consistent with the finest traditions of Louisiana State University, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 310 attracts, educates, and trains Air Force officers of character who are dedicated to serving the nation, while administering USAF programs and proudly representing the Air Force to the people of the State of Louisiana.



## ARMY RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS MISSION

To recruit, train, and commission lieutenants to support the Army's mission of fighting and winning our nation's war's across the full range of military operations and spectrum of conflict in support of combatant commanders.



## NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS MISSION

To develop young men and women morally, mentally, and physically, imbue them with the highest ideals of honor, courage and commitment, and to commission college graduates as Naval and Marine Corps Officers who possess a basic professional background, are motivated toward careers in the Naval Service, and have potential for further development in mind and character so as to assume the highest responsibilities of leadership in the military, community and government.





## SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

### WELCOME

**Cadet Colonel Zachary D. Oliver**  
*LSU Corps Commander*

### ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

**Dr. F. King Alexander**  
*President*  
*Louisiana State University and A&M College*

**Captain Anthony P. Chatham, United States Navy**  
*Commanding Officer and Professor of Naval Science*  
*NROTC Unit, Southern University and A&M College*

**Lieutenant Colonel Dwight W. Pertuit, Jr., United States Air Force**  
*Commandant, LSU Corps of Cadets*  
*Commanding Officer and Professor of Aerospace Studies*  
*AFROTC Detachment 310, Louisiana State University & A&M College*

**Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence P. House, United States Army**  
*Commanding Officer and Professor of Military Science*  
*AROTC Unit, Louisiana State University and A&M College*

### INVOCATION

**Cadet Colonel John Presswood**

### OPENING REMARKS

**Dr. F. King Alexander, President of LSU**

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

**Cadet Colonel Zachary D. Oliver**

### RECEPTION

*LSU Union Cotillion Ballroom - Hosted by Cadets of the Ole War Skule*



Welcome to the Fourth Annual Joint ROTC Awards ceremony. Today, we recognize excellence in both military and academic performance. Given that this is a joint ceremony, all services are represented. As such, you will note various differences in uniforms, rank, insignia and customs.

Naval Midshipmen are represented today in Summer White uniforms. Their rank is signified by any number of gold bars, depending on billet assigned. Regardless of rank or billet, all Midshipmen are addressed by their class within the University. Our Battalion Commanding Officer is Midshipman Captain Mitchell Mason.

Air Force Cadets are represented in their service dress blue uniforms. Their rank is signified by either chevrons for underclassmen or bars for upperclassmen. Underclassmen are addressed as Cadet Fourth Class or Cadet Third Class, depending on their program year, while juniors and seniors are addressed by the rank of their leadership position within the cadet wing. Our current Cadet Wing Commander is Cadet Colonel Gabriel Stelly.

Army Cadets are represented in the blue Army Service Uniform. Their rank is signified by chevrons for underclassmen and ovals and diamonds for seniors. Cadets are addressed as Cadet, rank and last name followed by their military science year in the program in writing. Our Battalion Commander is Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Trey Gaspard, MS IV.



## **Dr. F. King Alexander**

*President*

*Louisiana State University and A&M College*

Dr. F. King Alexander is the President of Louisiana State University, which has an annual budget of \$3.3 billion and more than 43,000 students.

Prior to this appointment, Dr. Alexander was president of California State University, Long Beach (2005-2013) one of the nation's largest public universities located in southern California. During his more than seven-year tenure at California State University, Long Beach, Dr. Alexander was twice named the California State University Student Association (CSSA) "President of the Year," which represents all 23 California State Universities and its over 440,000 students.

Prior to becoming president of California State University, Long Beach, Dr. Alexander was president of Murray State University in Kentucky (2001-2005) and was a faculty member at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, where he was the director of the graduate higher education program.

A Kentucky native who grew up in north Florida, Dr. Alexander received his Ph. D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in higher education administration with a focus on finance and educational policy analysis, and a Master of Science degree from the University of Oxford, Oxford, England in comparative educational studies.

As a teacher and administrator, Dr. Alexander has received many honors, including the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education Alumni Achievement Award (2002) and has research university faculty affiliations at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for the Study of Postsecondary Education (WISCAPE) and Cornell University Higher Education Research Institute (CHERI).

Dr. Alexander also has been asked to represent public higher education colleges and universities on numerous occasions to the United States Congress on issues of college affordability, student indebtedness, and institutional efficiency and effectiveness in efforts to address many of the growing challenges facing American higher education. Due to his national recognition and involvement on higher education issues, Dr. Alexander has served on numerous U.S. higher education and statewide organizational leadership boards where he remains very active.

Dr. Alexander and his wife, Shenette, have three children: Kylie, Savannah and Madison.



## **Captain Anthony P. Chatham**

*United States Navy  
Commanding Officer, Southern University and A&M College  
Naval ROTC Unit*

Captain Chatham is a native of LaPlace, Louisiana and a graduate of East St. John High School in Reserve, Louisiana. He received his commission through the Naval ROTC program after graduating from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA in May of 1987.

Upon designation as a Naval Aviator in June of 1989, he reported to Patrol Squadron FORTY (VP-40), NAS Moffett Field, California earning designations as Patrol Plane Instructor Pilot and Patrol Plane Mission Commander. Subsequent flying tours include instructor pilot duties at Training Squadron TWO (VT-2) in Milton, Florida, and Department Head tour in Patrol Squadron FORTY-SEVEN (VP-47) based at Marine Corps Air Facility Kaneohe, Hawaii. He served aboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) from June 1996 to June 1998 as the Catapult and Arresting Gear (V-2) Division Officer.

Captain Chatham's shore assignments include duty at Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Atlantic (CPRFL), where he served as the Force Maintenance and Logistics Officer (N4). Captain Chatham served on the staff of Commander, U.S. Navy Central Command in Manama, Bahrain as Department Head for Policy, Plans and Pol-Mil, Theater Security Cooperation and Exercises (N5). He served on the staff of Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia as the Joint Capability Development Division Head (J82).

Captain Chatham's command billets include Advanced Multi-Engine Training Squadron THIRTY-ONE (VT-31) in Corpus Christi, Texas from February 2004 to June 2005. From June 2010 to June 2011, Captain Chatham served as the 33rd Commanding Officer of U.S. Navy Support Facility, Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory. From June 2011 to June 2014, Captain Chatham served as Commanding Officer of Tulane University Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Captain Chatham holds a Master of Science degree in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy from Joint Advanced Warfighter School at the National Defense University. He also holds a Master's degree in Homeland Security Studies from Tulane University.

His personal awards include the Legion of Merit (2), Meritorious Service Medal (3), Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (3), Navy Achievement Medal (4) and various unit commendations and campaign awards.





## **Lieutenant Colonel Dwight W. Pertuit, Jr.**

*Commander of AFROTC Detachment 310  
Louisiana State University and A&M College*

Lieutenant Colonel Dwight W. Pertuit, Jr., is the Commander of AF ROTC Detachment 310, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He entered the Air Force after graduating from Mississippi State University with a bachelor's in Business Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis.

In this capacity, he commands the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps detachment at LSU, the state's flagship institution. He is responsible for leadership and administration of the AFROTC program at LSU; preparation, education, and training of 50 cadets for active duty; instruction of 2 college courses in USAF Foundations and Leadership; and representation of the USAF to the university and people of southern Louisiana.

**EDUCATION:** 2013 AF ROTC PAS Course, 2010 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, 2009 Air War College (correspondence), 2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL, 2002 Information Operations Integration Course, 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL, 2000 Orbital Analyst Training Course, 1996 Master of Human Resources Management, Lesley University, 1993 Undergraduate Missile Training, 1992 Bachelor of Business Info Sys and Quantitative Analysis, Mississippi State University

**SELECT ASSIGNMENTS:** Sep 13-Present, Commander, AFROTC Detachment 310, Louisiana State University; Sep 10-Sep 13, Chief, AFRICOM-EUCOM Regional-Adversary Team Branch/Space & Missile Defense Branch, USSTRATCOM, Offutt AFB, NE; Jun 07-Sep 10, Director of Instruction/Course Director for Joint Air & Space Operations, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL; Jul 06-Jun 07, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL; Aug 04-Jul 06, Chief, Current Operations, Air Forces Europe, Warfighting Headquarters, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany; Dec 02-Aug 04, Chief, Special Technical Operations, 32nd Information Warfare Flight, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany; Jun 00-Dec 02, Orbital Analyst/Evaluator, 1st Space Control Squadron, Cheyenne Mountain, CO; Aug 99-Jun 00, Launch Weapons Officer/Weapons and Tactics Officer, 50th Operations Support Squadron, Schriever AFB, CO; Feb 98-Aug 99, Crew Commander, 55th Space Weather Squadron, Schriever AFB, CO; Dec 93-Feb 98, Missile Combat Crew Deputy/Commander/ Instructor/Flight Commander, 319th Missile Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, WY; Aug 93-Dec 93, Student, Undergraduate Missile Training, Vandenberg AFB, CA

**AWARDS & DECORATIONS:** Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, 1 OLC, AF Commendation Medal, 2 OLC, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, 1 Device Global War on Terrorism Service Medal



**Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence P. House,  
US ARMY**

*Commanding Officer and Professor of Military Science  
Army Reserve Officers Training Corps  
Louisiana State University and A&M College*

Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence House is a native of Asheville, North Carolina. He was commissioned in the Regular Army Transportation Corps from East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee in May 1995. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in History from East Tennessee State University and a Master's Degree in Management from Webster University. Lieutenant Colonel House is a graduate of the Transportation Corps Officer Basic and Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms Staff Services School, and the Command and General Staff College.

He has served in key and developmental positions in the United States, Korea and Iraq, including: Platoon Leader for 782nd Main Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division Support Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina;

Company Commander of Headquarters Company, 25th Transportation Battalion, 19th Sustainment Command in Yongsan, Korea;

Brigade Transportation Officer for 155th Separate Armored Brigade (Forward), 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force in Iraq;

Battalion Executive Officer and Support Operations Officer, 180th Transportation Battalion, 15th Sustainment Brigade in Fort Hood, Texas;

Lieutenant Colonel Assignment Officer, Strategic Initiatives Officer, and Chief, Command Management Branch with the US Army Human Resources Command in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence House has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal (with two Campaign Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Korean Defense Service Medal, a Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.

Lieutenant Colonel House is married to the former Cristy Kolwe and they reside in Prairieville, LA with their four children: Gavin, Amelia, Della, and Cora.



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# JOINT ROTC AWARDS

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015

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### American Legion Military Excellence Award

Air Force:	Cadet 4th Class Emily Bowman Cadet 3rd Class Stephanie Benton Cadet Major Ashley Bacon Cadet Captain James Gegenheimer
Army:	Cadet Major Paul Clady, MS IV
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Lieutenant Ian Mack MIDN Lieutenant Junior Grade David Jimenez Midshipman 3/C Desirae Bagby Midshipman 4/C Connor Black

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### American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award

Air Force:	Cadet 4th Class Nikolaus Bihlmeyer Cadet 3rd Class Blake Stewart Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Griffin McDonald Cadet Colonel Gabriel Stelly
Army:	Cadet Corporal Jason Sharp, MS II
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 3/C Courtney Crooks

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### American Legion Scholarship Award

Air Force:	Cadet Major Ashley Bacon
Army:	Cadet Major Paul Clady, MS IV
Navy/Marine Corps:	MIDN Lieutenant Junior Grade David Jimenez

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### American Veterans Award

Air Force:	Cadet 4th Class Nikolaus Bihlmeyer
Army:	Cadet Staff Sergeant Nathaniel Duxbury, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 4/C Aaliyah Roberts

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### Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Honor Award

Air Force:	Cadet Captain James Gegenheimer
Army:	Cadet Sergeant First Class Brennan West, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Ensign Jon Bennett

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### Carlos G. Spaht Memorial Scholarship

Air Force:	Cadet 4th Class Emily Bowman
Army:	Cadet Private First Class Michael Orgeron, MS I
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 4/C Jeremy Spears

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**Major General Harry Conrad ROTC Scholarship**

Air Force: Cadet 4th Class Harry Nordyke  
Army: Cadet Sergeant Frank Fontenot, MS II  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 4/C Michael Nickelotte

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**James W. Nicholson Excellence in Mathematics Award  
of the United Daughters of the Confederacy - Joanna Waddill Chapter**

Air Force: Cadet 4th Class Nikolaus Bihlmeyer  
Army: Cadet Sergeant Wendy Martin, MS II  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Nsombi Roberts

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**Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America Award**

Air Force: Cadet 3rd Class Tammy Chau  
Army: Cadet Corporal Alice Huang, MS II  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C Jason Xu

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**Daughters of the American Revolution Award**

Air Force: Cadet Colonel Gabriel Stelly  
Army: Cadet Command Sergeant  
Major Emma-Leah Hale, MS IV  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman Captain Mitchell Mason

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**Knights of Columbus Patriotic Award**

Air Force: Cadet Major Ashley Bacon  
Army: Cadet Sergeant First Class Brennan West, MS III  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C James Whittlesey

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**Military Officers Association of America Award**

Air Force: Cadet Major Roberto Duran  
Army: Cadet Sergeant Todd Dixon, MS III  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman Ensign Corbin Heath

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**Military Order of the Purple Heart Award**

Air Force: Cadet Captain Michael Cahill  
Army: Cadet Corporal Jacob McConnell, MS  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C Melissa Montano

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**Military Order of the World Wars Award**

Air Force:	Cadet 4th Class Nationa Young Cadet 3rd Class Angel Davila Cadet Major Brian Schilleci Cadet Captain Ethan Houk
Army:	Cadet Private First Class Evan Wesslund , MS I Cadet Corporal Grant Carrier, MS II Cadet Staff Sergeant Austin Williams, MS III Cadet Major Joseph Shorter, MS IV
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Commander Rodriguez Manual Midshipman Ensign Preona Owens Midshipman 3/C Nathan Graham Midshipman 4/C Julia Freeman

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**National Defense Industrial Association Award**

Air Force:	Cadet Colonel Gabriel Stelly
Army:	Cadet Lieutenant Ariel Hector, MS IV

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**National Defense Transportation Association Award**

Air Force:	Cadet Colonel Gabriel Stelly
Army:	Cadet Lieutenant Cole Pattison, MS IV
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Lieutenant Ian Mack

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**National Society United States Daughters of 1812,  
General Robert McCausland Chapter**

Air Force:	Cadet Major Ashley Bacon
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**National Sojourners Award for Americanism**

Air Force:	Cadet 3rd Class Blake Stewart
Army:	Cadet Sergeant First Class Lisa Lewis, MS III
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Ensign Terrence Curry

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**Reserve Officers Association Award**

Air Force:	Cadet 3rd Class Khoa Nguyen Cadet Major Ashley Bacon Cadet Captain Ethan Houk
Army:	Cadet Sergeant Lukas Dretzka, MS II Cadet Sergeant First Class Audrey Kelley, MS III Cadet Captain Kurt Perque, MS IV
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman 1/C Gilleon Gillis Midshipman 2/C Diana Huaman Midshipman 3/C Juana Boone



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**Scottish Rite Award**

Air Force: Cadet 3rd Class Tammy Chau  
Army: Cadet Corporal Joy Rucker, MS II  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 2/C Nsombi Roberts

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**Society of American Military Engineers Award**

Air Force: Cadet Colonel John Presswood  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 1/C Stephen Capella

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**General Society of the War of 1812 Award**

Air Force: Cadet 3rd Class Sarah Mai  
Army: Cadet Sergeant Rachael Lindstrom, MS II  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C Courtney Crooks

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**Sons of the American Revolution Award**

Air Force: Cadet Captain Michael Cahill  
Army: Cadet Private First Class Evan Wesslund, MS I  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 3/C Conlee Gonzales

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**USAA Spirit Award**

Air Force: Cadet Colonel John Presswood  
Army: Cadet Sergeant Wendy Martin, MS II  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman Ensign Joshua Womack

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**Veterans of Foreign Wars Award**

Air Force: Cadet Major Ashley Bacon  
Army: Cadet Corporal Zachary Powers, MS II  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman 4/C Connor Black

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# SERVICE SPECIFIC AWARDS

## AIR FORCE

<b>AFROTC Distinguished Graduate</b>	Cadet Colonel John Presswood
<b>Above and Beyond Award</b>	Cadet 4th Class Harry Nordyke
<b>Air Force Association Award</b>	Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Griffin McDonald
<b>The LTC John Trigg Wood, III Memorial Scholarship</b>	Cadet 3rd Class Khoa Nguyen
<b>Colonial Dames of the 17th Century</b>	Cadet Colonel Gabriel Stelly
<b>The Colonel Charles J. "Chuck" Dumas AFROTC Scholarship</b>	Cadet 3rd Class Stephanie Benton
<b>Order of Daedalians 60th Flight Flying Tigers Award</b>	Cadet Captain Timothy Turner
<b>J. L. Hendrickson Scholarship</b>	Cadet 3rd Class Kyrie Collins
<b>Major General O. B. Johnson Scholarship</b>	Cadet 3rd Class Blake Stewart
<b>AFROTC Meritorious Service Award</b>	Cadet Colonel Gabriel Stelly Cadet Colonel John Presswood
<b>AFROTC Commendation Award</b>	Cadet Major Brian Schilleci Cadet 3rd Class Sarah Mai Cadet Lt Colonel Griffin McDonald Cadet 3rd Class Tammy Chau
<b>AFROTC Achievement Award</b>	Cadet Captain James Gegenheimer Cadet 3rd Class Blake Stewart Cadet 3rd Class Louis Catiller Cadet 3rd Class Stephanie Benton Cadet Captain Michael Cahill
<b>AFROTC Warrior Spirit Award</b>	Cadet 4th Class Lauren Lilly Cadet 3rd Class Sarah Mai Cadet Major Ashley Bacon Cadet Captain James Gegenheimer



## ARMY

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<b>George C. Marshall Award</b>	Cadet Command Sergeant Major Emma-Leah Hale, MS IV
<b>Cadet of the Year</b>	Cadet Colonel Zachary Oliver, MS IV
<b>Association of the United States Army Leadership Excellence Award</b>	Cadet Sergeant First Class Brennan West, MS III
<b>Legion of Valor Bronze Cross</b>	Cadet Staff Sergeant Matthew Kinsey, MS II
<b>Pallas Athene Award</b>	Cadet Master Sergeant Shandricka Jackson, MS IV
<b>The Retired Officers' Association Award</b>	Cadet Sergeant First Class David Carriker, MS III
<b>Superior Cadet Decoration Award</b>	Cadet Private First Class Evan Wesslund, MS I Cadet Corporal Jared Logan, MS II Cadet Sergeant First Class Lisa Lewis, MS III Cadet Lieutenant Matthew Teemant, MS IV
<b>Simultaneous Membership Program Award</b>	Cadet Sergeant Matthew McKay, MS IV
<b>Top Leadership Development Assessment Course Performance</b>	Cadet Major Conor Cloninger, MS IV
<b>Top Military Science Cadets</b>	Cadet Private First Class Michael Oregon, MS I Cadet Corporal Alice Huang, MS II Cadet Sergeant First Class Lisa Lewis, MS III Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Trey Gaspard, MS IV

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## NAVY/MARINE CORPS

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<b>CNO Distinguished Midshipman Graduate Award</b>	Midshipman 1/C Matthew Williams
<b>Fleet Reserve Association Award</b>	Midshipman 1/C Stephen Capella
<b>Marine Corps Association Award</b>	SSgt Luke Boyd
<b>Montford Point Marine Association Award</b>	Midshipman Ensign Ryan Christmas
<b>National Naval Officers Association Award</b>	Midshipman Lieutenant Ian Mack
<b>National Submarine League Award</b>	Midshipman 1/C Matthew Williams
<b>Navy Club Award</b>	Midshipman Ensign Joseph Yott
<b>Freshman Achievement Award</b>	Midshipman 4/C Renee Hill
<b>Sophomore Achievement Award</b>	Midshipman 3/C Courtney Crooks
<b>Junior Achievement Award</b>	Midshipman 2/C Nsombi Roberts
<b>Athletic Achievement Award</b>	SSgt Luke Boyd
<b>Aptitude Achievement Award</b>	Midshipman Ensign Joshua Womack
<b>Most Improved Midshipman Award</b>	Midshipman Ensign Preona Owens
<b>Professor of Naval Science Award</b>	Midshipman 1/C Matthew Williams
<b>Midshipman of the Year Award</b>	Midshipman Captain Mitchell Mason





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