

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

SEVENTH ANNUAL  
JOINT ROTC  
AWARDS CEREMONY

**LSU**



THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018  
FOUR O'CLOCK  
COTILLION BALLROOM  
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

The US Army Cadet Command partners with universities to recruit, educate, develop, and inspire Senior ROTC Cadets in order to commission officers of character for the Total Army: and partner with high schools to conduct JROTC in order to develop citizens of character for a lifetime of commitment and service to the nation.



## 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 Michael Orgeron**  
*LSU Corps Commander*

### ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

**Dr. F. King Alexander**  
*President*  
*Louisiana State University*

**Captain Dean T. Rawls, United States Navy**  
*Commanding Officer and Professor of Naval Science*  
*NROTC Unit, Southern University*

**Major Rian M. Carter, United States Army**  
*Commandant and Professor of Military Science*  
*AROTC Unit, Louisiana State University*

**Lieutenant Colonel Robert B. Russell, United States Air Force**  
*Commanding Officer and Professor of Aerospace Studies*  
*AFROTC Detachment 310, Louisiana State University*

### INVOCATION

**Midshipman Renée Hill**

### OPENING REMARKS

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

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

**Cadet Michael Orgeron, LSU Corps Commander**

### INTRODUCTION OF SENIOR SYMPOSIUM FINALISTS

**John W. Milazzo, Jr., President, Cadets of the Ole War Skule**

**Reception Cotillion Ballroom**  
**Provided by Cadets of the Ole War Skule**



Welcome to the Seventh 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 Zachary Spears.

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 Kaylin Hankerson.

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 Evan Wesslund.



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

*President*

*Louisiana State University*

Dr. F. King Alexander is the President of Louisiana State University, which enrolls nearly 50,000 students across eight institutions.

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.

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 Dean T. Rawls, USN**

*Commanding Officer and Professor of Naval Science  
Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps  
Southern University*

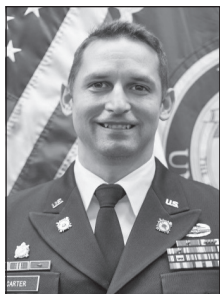
Captain Rawls is a native of Lafayette, Louisiana and received his commission from Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. He is a graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana (Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering) and the College of William and Mary (Masters in Business Administration). He also completed the Navy's Nuclear Propulsion Program, the Air Command and Staff College and the Joint Forces Staff College.

His operational assignments include USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), Special Boat Unit TWO SIX, USS Deyo (DD 989) and USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). He was the Executive Officer on USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53) and, as part of COMNAVSURFOR's DDG Sea Swap Initiative, served as Executive Officer on USS Higgins (DDG 76). Additionally, he was the Reactor Officer on USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). His command tours include USS Vandegrift (FFG 48) and USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55).

His shore assignments include Atlantic Fleet, Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board; U.S. Naval Forces Central Command; Office of the Secretary of Defense, Program Analysis and Evaluation; and Commander, Naval Air Force Pacific.

Personal awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.





## **Major Rian M. Carter, US ARMY**

*Commandant and Professor of Military Science  
Army Reserve Officers Training Corps  
Louisiana State University*

A native of the Pacific Northwest, MAJ Carter was born and raised in the Portland, Oregon / Vancouver, Washington metropolitan area. MAJ Carter earned his commission from the New Mexico Military Institute 2000. Two years later, MAJ Carter earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Portland State University and was assessed onto Active Duty as an Ordnance Corps Officer.

MAJ Carter has served in numerous leadership and logistical staff positions throughout his career to include: Supply and Services Officer, Headquarters, 26<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion, 2D Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3D Infantry Division; Ground Equipment Platoon Leader, Bravo Company, 26<sup>th</sup> Support Battalion, 2D Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3D Infantry Division; Shop Officer, Bravo Company 26<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion, 2D Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3D Infantry Division; Support Operations Maintenance Officer (MATO); Headquarters, 26<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion, 2D Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3D Infantry Division; Battalion S-4, Headquarters, 26<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion, 2D Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3D Infantry Division; Commander, Forward Support Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 64<sup>th</sup> Armor Regiment, 2D Brigade Combat Team, 3D Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia; Ordnance TAC Officer, Army Logistics University, Fort Lee, Virginia, Brigade S4, Headquarters, 555<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; J4, IJC Theater Engineer Brigade, Bagram Airfield; Battalion Executive Officer, 2D Brigade Support Battalion, 2-2ID (SBCT), 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord; G4 Operations Officer and later Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff, United States Army – Europe, Wiesbaden, Germany.

MAJ Carter has served two tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and one tour in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

MAJ Carter's military schooling includes: the Ordnance Officer's Basic Course; the Combined Logistics Officer Advance Course; the Intermediate Level Education Course; the Army's Basic Instructor Course; the Joint Logistics Course; and the Support Operations Course. In 2013, MAJ Carter earned a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership from the University of Oklahoma.

His awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal (with oak leaf cluster); Meritorious Service Medal (with five oak leaf cluster); Army Achievement Medal (with oak leaf cluster); Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals; Iraq Campaign Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; NATO Medal, and the Combat Action Badge. He is also a recipient of The Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe.

MAJ Carter is married to the former Danielle Bush of Vancouver, Washington and has two children: Zachary (14) and Gabriel (11). They currently reside in Geismar, Louisiana.



## **Lieutenant Colonel Robert B. Russell**

*Commander of AFROTC Detachment 310  
Louisiana State University*

Lieutenant Colonel Robert “Brady” Russell is a native of McAllen, Texas and the Commander of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 310, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the state’s flagship institution. He is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) and was commissioned in 1996. Lieutenant Colonel Russell holds a Bachelor of Science (Russian History) degree from USAFA and a Master of Science of Strategic Intelligence degree from the National Intelligence University at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C. He is a graduate of Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and Air War College. As a career Intelligence Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Russell has participated in numerous deployments supporting Operations JOINT FORGE, IRAQI FREEDOM, and ENDURING FREEDOM.

His assignments have included Chief of Combat Assessments Element in the Pacific Air Forces Air Intelligence Squadron at Hickam Air Force Base Hawaii; Flight Commander of the Mission Sustainment Flight in the 48<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron at Beale Air Force Base, California; Chief of the Intelligence Exercise and Training Branch in Headquarters Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado; Cryptologic Liaison Officer in a National Security Agency element in Europe; Requirements Officer in United States Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida; and Analytic Tradecraft Senior Officer in United States Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. He is dual-hatted as Commander for both Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 310 (LSU) and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 320 (Tulane University); which includes responsibility for leading operations for 10 cadre members and 72 cadets at 11 universities and colleges throughout southern Louisiana.

Lieutenant Colonel Brady Russell has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Air Force Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, both the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Master Intelligence Badge, Space Operations Badge, and Basic Parachutist Badge.

Lieutenant Colonel Russell is married to the former Heather Legg of Grand Junction, Colorado and they reside in Metairie, Louisiana with their four children: Robert, Brandon, Rebecca, and Hope.



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# JOINT ROTC AWARDS

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018

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### **American Legion Military Excellence Award**

Air Force:	Cadet Steven Fletcher Cadet Brandon Elsensohn Cadet Jana St. Germain Cadet Kaylin Hankerson
Army:	Cadet J.P. Thompson
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Renee Hill Midshipman Michael Niedermair Midshipman Kyra White Midshipman Jared Bevens

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### **American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award**

Air Force:	Cadet Myles Johnson Cadet Jack Spriggs Cadet Jenna Meadors Cadet Nationa Young
Army:	Cadet Catherine Torry
Navy:	Midshipman Connor Black

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### **American Legion Scholarship Award**

Air Force:	Cadet Adrienna Payton
Army:	Cadet J.P. Thompson
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Myesha Rankin

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### **American Veterans Award**

Air Force:	Cadet Landon Weeks
Army:	Cadet Bryce Perez
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Renee Hill

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**Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Honor Award**

Air Force: Cadet Tyler Rossel  
Army: Cadet Jonathan Au

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**Carlos G. Spaht Memorial Scholarship**

Air Force: Cadet Benjamin Lanier  
Army: Cadet Carter Hunt  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman Samantha Jackson

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**Major General Harry Conrad ROTC Scholarship**

Air Force: Cadet Landon Weeks  
Army: Cadet Isiomira Paniagua

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

Air Force: Cadet Sydney Bradley  
Army: Cadet Matthew Cavell  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman Edgar Perez

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

Air Force: Cadet Elena Bihlmeyer  
Army: Cadet Marina Ortiz  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman Phillip Mooney

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**Daughters of the American Revolution Award**

Air Force: Cadet Kathleen Dickerson  
Army: Cadet Kazimira Karwowski  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman Connor Black

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**John W. Milazzo, Jr. Honorary ROTC Scholarship**

Air Force: Cadet Kevin Caster  
Army: Cadet Donald Loving

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**Knights of Columbus Patriotic Award**

Air Force: Cadet Zeyad Alaidroos  
Army: Cadet Jaquinta Graves  
Navy/Marine Corps: Midshipman Patrick Cadoret Jr.

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**Lieutenant Colonel Sidney R. Mandina Endowed Scholarship**

Army: Cadet Victoria Buquet

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**Military Officers Association of America Award**

Air Force:	Cadet Ashley Merriweather
Army:	Cadet Andrea Dent
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Zackary Blackburn

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**Military Order of the World Wars Award**

Air Force:	Cadet Steven Fletcher Cadet Brandon Elsensohn Cadet Austin Beckermeyer Cadet Jacob Hughes
Army	Cadet Rhett Maturin Cadet Lauren Williams Cadet Jared Weaver Cadet Evan Wesslund
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Daniel Nguyen Midshipman Tyler Hernandez Midshipman Myesha Rankin Midshipman Nicholas Leger

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**Montford Point Marine Association Award**

Midshipman Jeremy Spears

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**National Defense Industrial Association Award**

Air Force:	Cadet Harry Nordyke
Army:	Cadet Jacob Coronel

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**National Defense Transportation Association Award**

Air Force:	Cadet Dane Ivy
Army:	Cadet Victoria Buquet

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

Air Force:	Cadet Lauren Skarupsky
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**National Sojourners Award for Americanism**

Air Force:	Cadet Jesse St. Clergy
Army:	Cadet Jacob Pikul
Navy:	Midshipman Steven Lewis

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**Reserve Officers Association Award**

Air Force:	Cadet Dominic Garcia Cadet Payton Poole Cadet Jacob Hughes
Army:	Cadet Amanda Lorio Cadet Thomas Stremlau Cadet Ryan Mixon
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Renee Hill Midshipman Jacob Holl Midshipman Gabrielle Frank

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**Scottish Rite Award**

Air Force:	Cadet Adrienna Payton
Army:	Cadet Jared Weaver
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Steven Lewis

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

Air Force:	Cadet Logan Lewis
Army:	Cadet Wesley Lejeune
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Edgar Perez

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**Sons of the American Revolution Award**

Air Force:	Cadet Austin Beckermeyer
Army:	Cadet Luke Looney
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Zachary Spears

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**USAA Spirit Award**

Air Force:	Cadet Carmyn Brown
Army:	Cadet Shayna Wilcox
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Phillip Mooney

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**Veterans of Foreign Wars Award**

Air Force:	Cadet Myles Johnson
Army:	Cadet Kentrae Lewis
Navy/Marine Corps:	Midshipman Tahj Clements



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## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

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### **Cadet of the Year**

Army: Cadet Michael Orgeron

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### **Top Cadet**

Air Force: Cadet Jesse St. Clergy

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### **CNO Distinguished MIDN Graduate**

Navy: Midshipman Mercedes Holland

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### **National Naval Officers Association**

Navy: Midshipman Mercedes Holland

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## SERVICE SPECIFIC AWARDS

### AIR FORCE

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**Above and Beyond Award** Cadet Carmyn Brown

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**The LTC John Trigg Wood, III  
Memorial Scholarship** Cadet Steven Fletcher

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**Colonial Dames of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century** Cadet Nationa Young

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**The Colonel Charles J. "Chuck" Dumas  
AFROTC Scholarship** Cadet Collean Hebert

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**Order of Daedalians 60<sup>th</sup> Flight  
Flying Tigers Award** Cadet Joel DeRobertis

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**J. L. Hendrickson Scholarship** Cadet Elena Bihlmeyer

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**Major General O. B. Johnson  
Scholarship** Cadet Matthew Dysart

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**AFROTC Meritorious Service Award** Cadet Kaylin Hankerson  
Cadet Dane Ivy  
Cadet Harry Nordyke  
Cadet Jesse St. Clergy

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<b>AFROTC Commendation Award</b>	Cadet Austin Beckermeyer Cadet Elena Bihlmeyer Cadet Logan Lewis Cadet Adrienna Payton Cadet Jana St. Germain Cadet Cole Wolf
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<b>AFROTC Achievement Award</b>	Cadet Carmyn Brown Cadet Sierra Doaks Cadet Matthew Dysart Cadet Brandon Elsensohn Cadet Steven Fletcher Cadet Benjamin Lanier Cadet Jenna Meadors Cadet Garrett Scalia Cadet Nicola's Smith Cadet Jack Spriggs
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<b>AFROTC Warrior Spirit Award</b>	Cadet Brandon Elsensohn Cadet Jacob Hughes Cadet Myles Johnson Cadet Jana St. Germain
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## ARMY

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<b>George C. Marshall Award</b>	Cadet Michael Orgeron
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<b>Superior Cadet Decoration Award</b>	Cadet Nicholas Teague Cadet Travis Williams Cadet David Kelley Cadet Cody Nash
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<b>Simultaneous Membership Program Award</b>	Cadet Dallas Sampey
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<b>Top Military Science Cadets</b>	Cadet Christopher Laneve Cadet Ashley Crespo Cadet David Kelley Cadet Cody Nash
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## NAVY/MARINE CORPS

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<b>Freshman Achievement Award</b>	Midshipman Samantha Jackson
<b>Sophomore Achievement Award</b>	Midshipman Phillip Mooney
<b>Junior Achievement Award</b>	Midshipman Patrick Cadoret Jr.
<b>Athletic Achievement Award</b>	Midshipman Renee Hill
<b>Aptitude Achievement Award</b>	Midshipman Connor Black
<b>Most Improved Midshipman Award</b>	Midshipman Gabrielle Frank
<b>Professor of Naval Science Award</b>	Midshipman Mercedes Holland
<b>Midshipman of the Year Award</b>	Midshipman Jeremy Spears

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