



MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

"To educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army."

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ACADEMY

West Point's role in our nation's history dates back to the Revolutionary War, when both sides realized the strategic importance of the commanding plateau on the west bank of the Hudson River. General George Washington considered West Point to be the most important strategic position in America. Washington personally selected Thaddeus Kosciuszko, one of the heroes of Saratoga, to design the fortifications for West Point in 1778, and Washington transferred his headquarters to West Point in 1779. Continental soldiers built forts, batteries and redoubts and extended a 150-ton iron chain across the Hudson to control river traffic. Fortress West Point was never captured by the British, despite Benedict Arnold's treason. West Point is the oldest continuously occupied military post in America.

Several soldiers and legislators, including Washington, Knox, Hamilton and John Adams, desiring to eliminate America's wartime reliance on foreign engineers and artillerymen, urged the creation of an institution devoted to the arts and sciences of warfare.

President Thomas Jefferson signed legislation establishing the United States Military Academy in 1802. He took this action after ensuring that those attending the Academy would be representative of a democratic society.

Colonel Sylvanus Thayer, the "father of the Military Academy," served as Superintendent from 1817-1833. He upgraded academic standards, instilled military discipline and emphasized honorable conduct. Aware of our young nation's need for engineers, Thayer made civil engineering the foundation of the curriculum. For the first half century, USMA graduates were largely responsible for the construction of the bulk of the nation's initial railway lines, bridges, harbors and roads.

After gaining experience and national recognition during the Mexican and Indian wars, West Point graduates dominated the highest ranks on both sides during the Civil War. Academy graduates, headed by generals such as Grant, Lee, Sherman and Jackson, set high standards of military leadership for both the North and South.

The development of other technical schools in the post-Civil War period allowed West Point to broaden its curriculum beyond a strict civil engineering focus. Following the creation of Army

post-graduate command and staff schools, the Military Academy came to be viewed as the first step in a continuing Army education.

In World War I, Academy graduates again distinguished themselves on the battlefield. After the war, Superintendent Douglas MacArthur sought to diversify the academic curriculum. In recognition of the intense physical demands of modern warfare, MacArthur pushed for major changes in the physical fitness and intramural athletic programs. "Every cadet an athlete" became an important goal. Additionally, the cadet management of the Honor System, long an unofficial tradition, was formalized with the creation of the Cadet Honor Committee.

Eisenhower, MacArthur, Bradley, Arnold, Clark, Patton, Stilwell and Wainwright were among an impressive array of Academy graduates who met the challenge of leadership in the Second World War. The postwar period again saw sweeping revisions to the West Point curriculum resulting from the dramatic developments in science and technology, the increasing need to understand other cultures and the rising level of general education in the Army.

In 1964, President Johnson signed legislation increasing the strength of the Corps of Cadets from 2,529 to 4,417 (more recently reduced to 4,000). To keep up with the growth of the Corps, a major expansion of facilities began shortly thereafter.

In concert with the increasing role of minorities and women in society and the military over the past three decades, greater numbers of minorities and the first women were brought to the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets. Their presence has enhanced the quality and maintained the traditional representativeness of the institution.

In recent decades, the Academy's curricular structure was markedly changed to permit cadets to major in any one of more than a dozen fields, including a wide range of subjects from the sciences to the humanities.

Academy graduates are awarded a bachelor of science degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, serving a minimum of five years on active duty.

As the Academy approaches its bicentennial in 2002, the institution continues to ensure that all programs and policies support the needs of the Army and nation now as well as in the foreseeable future. The Academy, with its long and noble history, remains an energetic, vibrant institution that attracts some of the best and brightest young men and women. It offers a challenging and comprehensive array of opportunities while retaining its enduring commitment to Duty, Honor, Country.

NOTABLE USMA GRADUATES

Sylvanus Thayer, 1808

Preeminent educator, "Father of the Military Academy"; originated technical education in America and established the educational philosophy and discipline still followed at the Military Academy.

Benjamin L.E. Bonneville, 1815

Explored and mapped the Great Salt Lake and the Green, Snake, Salmon and Yellowstone Rivers, venturing into the unknown American West. His explorations were memorialized.

George Washington Whistler, 1819

Eminent civil engineer; chosen by the Czar of Russia to build a railroad from Moscow to St. Petersburg

Dennis Hart Mahan, 1824

Distinguished educator and writer; world renowned scholar taught the science of war to numerous Army officers.

Leonidas Polk, 1827

Episcopal bishop of Louisiana; served as lieutenant general of the Confederate States of America; honorary degree of Sacred Theology from Columbia University; founded the University of the South at Sewanee in 1857.

Jefferson Davis, 1828

Member of Congress from Mississippi 1845-46; senator from Mississippi 1847-51, 1857-61; Secretary of War from 1853-57; President of the Confederate States of America.

Robert E. Lee, 1829

Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy 1852-55; General in Chief, Confederate Armies; president of Washington & Lee University 1865-70.

Benjamin S. Ewell, 1832

President of the College of William & Mary 1854-88.

George G. Meade, 1835

Commander of the Army of the Potomac; victorious in the Battle of Gettysburg

John Sedgwick, 1837

Commander of Union VI Corps, killed at Spotsylvania.

George Henry Thomas, 1840

The "Rock of Chickamauga."

William Tecumseh Sherman - president of Louisiana State University; "March to the Sea" Civil War campaign; commander of the Armies of the United States.

Ulysses S. Grant, 1843

General in Chief, Armies of the United States; President of the United States, 1869-77.

Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, 1846

Lieutenant general and a corps commander of the Confederate Army; killed at Chancellorsville

Oliver O. Howard, 1854

Founder and president of Howard University.

Henry O. Flipper, 1877

Civil and mining engineer in Southwest U.S. and Mexico; first African-American graduate of the Military Academy.

George Washington Goethals, 1880

Architect and builder of the Panama Canal.

John J. Pershing, 1886

Commander-in-chief of the Allied Expeditionary Force in World War I; General of the Armies 1919.

Douglas MacArthur, 1903

Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy 1919-22; Army Chief of Staff 1930-35; Supreme Commander of the Pacific 1941-45; Supreme Commander, UN Forces Korea 1950-51.

Henry H. "Hap" Arnold, 1907

pioneer of Army Aviation; General of the Air Force 1949.

George S. Patton, Jr., 1909

Member of the 1912 U.S. Olympic Team; commanding general of the 7th Army 1942-44, commander of the 3rd Army European Theater 1944-45.

Omar N. Bradley, 1915

Commanding general, 1st Army, 12th Army Group European Theater in World War II; Army Chief of Staff 1948-49; first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff 1949-53; chairman of the board of Bulova Watch Company 1958.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1915

Supreme Commander Allied Forces Europe 1943-45; Army Chief of Staff 1945-48; president of Columbia University 1948; President of the United States 1953-61.

William T. Seawell, 1941

commandant of cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy 1961-63; former chairman of the board and chief executive officer, Pan Am World Airways.

Wesley W. Posvar, 1946

Rhodes Scholar; chancellor, University of Pittsburgh.

Reuben Pomerantz, 1946

Former president, Holiday Inns of America.

Alexander M. Haig, Jr., 1947

Chief of Staff to the president 1973-74; Supreme Allied Commander in Europe 1974-79; president, United Technologies Corporation 1980-81; Secretary of State 1981-82.

Brent Scowcroft, 1947

Military assistant to the President, 1972; National Security Advisor, Bush Administration.

John G. Hayes, 1949

Former president, Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

Frank Borman, 1950

Astronaut 1962-70; commander of the first circumlunar flight; president of Eastern Airlines.

Roscoe Robinson, Jr., 1951

Commanding general, 82nd Airborne Division 1976-78; commanding general, U.S. Army Japan 1980-82; U.S. Representative to NATO Military Committee, 1982-85; first African American four-star general in the Army, 1982.

Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, 1951

Astronaut 1963-72; participated in the first manned lunar landing.

Thoralf M. Sundt, 1952

Doctor of Neurosurgery at the Mayo Clinic.

Edward White II, 1952

Astronaut 1962-67; first American to walk in space, 1965; died in Apollo spacecraft fire, 1967

Michael Collins, 1952

Astronaut 1964-70; command module pilot, first manned lunar landing; director of the National Air & Space Museum

Randolph Araskog, 1953

President and chairman of IT&T.

H. Norman Schwarzkopf, 1956

Commander-in-Chief, Central Command, Operation Desert Storm.

John Block, 1957

Secretary of Agriculture, Reagan Administration, 1981-86.

Pete Dawkins, 1959

Rhodes Scholar, Heisman Trophy Winner, Chairman and CEO Primerica.

Andrea Lee Hollen, 1980

Rhodes Scholar. First woman graduate of USMA.

Kristin Baker, 1990

First woman Brigade Commander, U.S. Corps of Cadets.

USMA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The United States Military Academy ranks in the top five among the nation's colleges and universities in number of Rhodes Scholars with 85, and Truman Scholars with 26 (since USMA began competing in 1992). USMA is in the top ten for Marshall Scholars with 30 (since West Point began competing in 1983). Since 1973, 32 cadets have won Hertz Foundation fellowships in Applied Physical Science disciplines, placing USMA fourth nationally. In academic year 2006, USMA cadets earned 14 national-merit scholarships including one Rhodes, two Marshall, two Gates-Cambridge, two Truman, three Fulbright, and four East-West Center fellowships.

AWARDED THIS ACADEMIC YEAR (2006)



Kent DeBenedictis
(Class of 2006, Company D-1, Boca Raton, FL)
Marshall Scholarship

Kent DeBenedictis is an International Relations and German double major with a Nuclear Engineering sequence. He spent the summer working for the Office of the Secretary of Defense's Policy branch. The summer before he served with the U.S. Army European Headquarters and with the 1-4 Infantry, both stationed in Germany. Kent also participated in the Foreign Academy Exchange Program to Germany. His cadet activities include the Student Conference on U.S. Affairs, the Domestic Affairs Forum, and the German Club. The military positions he has held include Regimental Operations Officer, Company Commander, and Air Assault School Class Commander. A future Infantry officer, Kent plans to earn an MA in European Studies from the University of Birmingham and an MA in War Studies from King's College, London.



Cheikh Mbengue
(Class of 2006, Company H-2, St. Lucia)
Rhodes Scholarship

CDT Cheikh Mbengue, hails from the beautiful Caribbean island of Saint Lucia. The 24 year old attended St. Mary's College (high school) and Sir Arthur Lewis Community College prior to attending USMA. CDT Mbengue played cricket for St. Mary's College and also holds a first degree black belt in Shotokan Karate. He has been playing the viola for over ten years and plays for St. Lucia's Carlos Mynns Community Orchestra. Cheikh is a Mechanical Engineering/Aeronautical Systems major. His passion for Caribbean regional development is consistent with his plan to study Development Studies at Oxford University. This summer, CDT Mbengue served as an intern at the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) where he produced a paper addressing how the sub region could overcome some of the hurdles they faced as it pertained to sub regional integration. CDT Mbengue is currently the Executive Officer for Company H2 and is slotted to be the Battalion's Executive Officer next semester.



Pete Crawford
(Class of 2006, Company H-3, Klein, TX)
Marshall Scholarship

Pete grew up in Klein, Texas, a suburb of Houston. His parents always supported he and his brother in whatever activities they pursued from sports to music to acting. From junior high, Pete played football in the fall, basketball in the winter, and ran track and field in the spring. He spent the summers painting and repairing houses with a former football coach. In high school, Pete replaced basketball with musical theater and track with football off-season training. Attending a military academy had been a goal since he was very young, and on 1 July 2002, Pete realized that goal. At West Point, he spent time teaching Sunday School to fifth and sixth grade students, skydiving with the Parachute Team, and conversing with public officials in the Domestic Affairs Forum. From here Pete hopes to branch Infantry and lead in an airborne unit.



Sean Miller
(Class of 2006, Company D-1, Junction City, KS)
Fulbright Student Grant

Sean Miller, a Comparative Politics major and the USCC Brigade Operations Officer, has received USMA's first ever Islamic Civilization Fulbright Scholarship. This Fulbright program is designed to provide an academic and cultural exchange to those who have demonstrated a commitment to sharing their knowledge and perspective on Islamic Civilization with others in the U.S. upon return. Sean will pursue a one-year master's degree at a university in the Middle East. Sean is proficient in Arabic but hopes to become fluent from this experience.



Stephanie Hightower
(Class of 2006, Company B-1, Rio Rancho, NM)
Fulbright Student Grant

Stephanie Hightower will attend the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom to earn a master's degree in global health science. A Chemistry and Life Sciences major and competitive triathlete, she is the Cadet Corps' First Captain, the highest position held by a student.



Jacob Sheehan
(Class of 2006, Company C-1, Eastford, CT)
Fulbright Student Grant

Jacob Sheehan will spend a year at the United Kingdom's University of Manchester to earn a master's in developmental economics. Jacob is majoring in Economics and American Politics and is involved in Sandhurst, an annual, international military competition between service academies, as well as the Domestic Affairs Forum.



Wei Chou
(Class of 2006, Company A-1, Houston, TX)
East-West Scholarship

While in Hawaii, Wei Chou, a future infantry officer, will pursue a master's degree in Asian studies, focusing on Japan. He is currently the athletics/spirit officer for the Cadet First Battalion, First Regiment.



Tom Cai
(Class of 2006, Company D-1, Saint Louis, MO)
East-West Scholarship

Tom Cai will continue his study of economics while at the University of Hawaii. He is currently the operations officer for the Cadet First Regiment and is president of the Chinese Language Club. A future aviation officer, he will attend flight school at Fort Rucker, AL, in 2008.



Michael Lee
(Class of 2006, Company A-2, Glen Rock, NJ)
East-West Scholarship

Michael Lee will pursue a master's degree in Asian studies this fall. Upon graduation from West Point, he will receive his bachelor's degree in economics and his commission in the Corps of Engineers. He is currently co-captain of the cadet judo team.



Allison Pan
(Class of 2006, Company G-4, New York, NY)
East-West Scholarship

Allison Pan will continue her study of political science while pursuing her master's degree at the East-West Center. She is the cadet debate team captain and will be commissioned a military intelligence officer at graduation.



Charlie Eadie
(Class of 2007, Company C-2, Santa Cruz, CA)
Truman Scholarship

After high school, Charlie Eadie enlisted in the Army and served as a combat engineer for three years before attending the U.S. Military Academy as an Economics major. In addition to his military and academic requirements, Charlie works with the local Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization and is a member of the Sport Parachute Team. He also enjoys skydiving, surfing, and snowboarding.



Todd Mainwaring
(Class of 2007, Company D-2, Dothan, AL)
Truman Scholarship

Todd Mainwaring is a Civil Engineering major at the U.S. Military Academy, where he also lettered in varsity soccer and organizes community service projects in the Hudson Valley area as an officer in the Civil Engineering Club. He also participated in an inter-service exchange program, completing a semester in Annapolis at the U.S. Naval Academy this past fall. He enjoys running, meeting new people, and traveling.



Jessamyn Liu
(Class of 2006, Company C-3, Richmond, VA)
Truman Scholarship/Gates-Cambridge Scholarship

Jessamyn Liu is a native of Richmond, Virginia, where she first acquired the passion for American political development she continues to pursue as an American politics and American history double major at the United States Military Academy. In addition to her academic and military duties at West Point, Jessamyn is the head manager for the Army Cross Country and Track teams. She has also founded a dinner discussion group to encourage informal interaction between cadets and faculty and organized civic education programs for local community schools. At Cambridge, Jessamyn will pursue a MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History. After graduation she will serve as a military intelligence officer and hopes to eventually return to West Point as a member of its senior faculty.



Jennifer Gonser
(Class of 2006, Company H-1, Cape Cod, MA)
Gates-Cambridge Scholarship

Jennifer Gonser currently calls Cape Cod, Massachusetts home, but actually grew up in a military family and moved about every two years. The determination, values, and discipline fostered in her upbringing led her to West Point, where she is majoring in Civil Engineering and enjoying many extra-curricular activities. The focus of her studies is structural development, and after graduation she will serve as an Army Engineer officer where she will aid in reconstruction and infrastructure improvement in developing countries. In West Point's Corps of Cadets, she has held various leadership positions, and has enjoyed activities such as leading in Officer's Christian Fellowship, singing in the Cadet Chapel Choir, and volunteering at a shelter for abused women across the Hudson River. She feels very fortunate that she is able to be here at West Point and soon, in the Army. Jen eagerly anticipates pursuing a graduate degree in Sustainable Development which she can use as a future Corps of Engineers officer.



Jonathan Bate
(Class of 2006, Company D-3, Carthage, TX)
Truman Scholarship

Jonathan is majoring in economics and also enjoys studying Chinese. He has held various leadership positions at the Academy and has also been involved in outreach programs to local military veterans. Prior to attending West Point, Jonathan earned a bachelors degree in Accounting from Stephen F. Austin State University. Rather than entering the corporate world, however, he decided to embark on a military career. Jonathan plans to be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the infantry after graduation. Jonathan will use his Truman Scholarship to pursue a Masters degree in International Affairs at Columbia University.

AWARDED LAST ACADEMIC YEAR (2005)



Jin Wang
(Class of 2005, Co. H-2, Singapore)
Rhodes Scholarship

Jin is a Civil Engineering major and an exchange cadet from Singapore. Currently the Command Sergeant Major for 2nd Regiment, Jin served last summer as the Battalion Commander for Operation Highland Warrior. He is the secretary for the International Cadet Club and enjoys traveling and experiencing different cultures. Having served in the 1st Commando Battalion of the Singapore Armed Forces for two and a half years prior to West Point, Jin will return to his unit upon graduation from Oxford University where he will earn a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics.



Mike April
(Class of 2005, Co. G-4, Colorado Springs, CO)
Rhodes Scholarship

Mike is a Chemistry major and currently serves as a Battalion Commander. Mike spent a semester on exchange at the United States Air Force Academy. His extracurricular activities include Special Olympics, tutoring, and American Chemical Society. Mike will pursue an MPhil in Medical Anthropology at Oxford prior to medical school. As a future Army doctor, Mike will promote healthcare reform in the Third World, particularly in countries in which the War on Terrorism is being fought.



Anne Hammerstrom
(Class of 2005, Co. D-4, Hudson, OH)
Marshall Scholarship

Anne is a Physics major and currently serves as the 4th Regiment's Logistics Officer. Last summer she interned at the Defense Intelligence Agency, in the Directorate for Technical Collection. Although she spends the majority of her spare time rowing with Army Crew, she also enjoys participating in the Philosophy Forum and Officers' Christian Fellowship. Recently, she has been helping to establish a new mentorship club that will pair cadets with children who lost parents in the September 11th attacks. A future Aviation Officer, she will study for a masters degree in Science and Technology Policy at Cambridge and will conduct masters work in the History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine.



Matt Powers
(Class of 2005, Co. C-4, Tulsa, OK)
Marshall Scholarship

Matt is an International Relations major and East Asia Area Studies Field of Study. He currently serves as the Regimental Personnel Officer for 4th regiment. Last summer, Matt served as a platoon leader in Korea and then traveled extensively in China with the Department of Foreign Languages. His interests and activities include Sandhurst, violin, Model UN, and traveling. A future Aviation Officer, Matt will study for two masters degrees at the School of Oriental and African Studies, one in Chinese Studies and one in International Politics of Asia.



Jay Choi
(Class of 2005, Co. A-4, Cerritos, CA)
Marshall Scholarship

Jay is a Life Sciences major and serves as the Brigade Assistant Personnel Officer. He is involved with Officers' Christian Fellowship and the Club Martial Arts team. Last summer, Jay spent two months in the Gambia with Operations Crossroads Africa. His passion is to become an Army physician. He hopes to work in developing nations-deployed in the Army as well as during leave for medical missions. He will earn an MSc in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and an MSc in Infectious Disease from Imperial College London.



David Cowan
(Class of 2005, Company F-4, Wausau, WI)
Fulbright Student Grant

Dave is a Comparative Politics major with a Middle East focus. Last summer, Dave traveled throughout Vietnam and also interned at the American Embassy in N'Djamena, Chad. Throughout his years at the Academy, he has been an active participant in Model UN, Officers Christian Fellowship, Model Arab League, and Tuesday's Children. A future Infantry Officer, Dave will earn a MA in International Studies and Diplomacy from Al Akhawayn University in Morocco.



Jeff Glick
(Class of 2005, Company D-2, Buffalo, NY)
Fulbright Student Grant

Jeff is an Operations Research major who spent a semester at the United States Coast Guard Academy and also participated in an exchange program with the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst, England. Jeff has been an active member of the academy's triathlon team, Model United Nations, and the Caring Cadets program. Last year, his submission for an International Interdisciplinary Modeling Contest was awarded 1st place and was selected for publication. He has also worked at the US Army International Technology Center in Germany and served as a US Student Delegate to the NATO Conference in Istanbul. A future Engineer Officer, Jeff will earn an MA in International and Development Economics at Australia National University.



Russell Isaacs
(Class of 2005, Company H-3, North Myrtle Beach, SC)
Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship

Rusty is a Comparative Politics and German major and currently serves as the H-3 Company Commander. Having spent much of his life overseas, Rusty's most recent travels include spending four weeks with US forces in South Korea and an internship with a German Army unit. His activities include traveling, golf, and the Student Conference on US Affairs. Recently, he has helped to establish a mentorship program that pairs cadets who lost parents in the September 11th attacks. A future Military Intelligence Officer, Rusty will study for masters degrees in European Studies and International Politics at the University of Maastricht in the Netherlands.



Michael Kolton
(Class of 2005, Company A-4, Fairfax Station, VA)
East-West Center Scholarship

Michael is an Economics major and a native of Fairfax Station, VA. While at West Point, he has been captain of the Army Judo team and participated in a unique internship with a commercial port authority in Egypt. Michael also took part in community service activities to include volunteering at a soup kitchen and a drug rehabilitation center in the local New York area. He plans to study Economics at the University of Hawaii with his East West Center Fellowship. Michael will be commissioned as an Infantry officer upon graduation.



Kha Nguyen
(Class of 2005, Company C-4, Tulsa, OK)
East-West Center Scholarship

Kha's unique personal story begins in Saigon, Vietnam, where he was born. After immigrating to the United States, he grew up in Cleveland Ohio. His is currently majoring in Comparative Politics with an FOS in Chinese at West Point. While at the Academy, Kha participated in a summer internship at the US Embassy in Beijing, and also volunteered his spare time to teach swimming to children in the West Point community. He is also an active member of the Cadet Catholic Chapel. Kha will be commissioned as a Field Artillery officer upon graduation.



Chris Gin
(Class of 2005, Company C-3, Fremont, CA)
East-West Center Scholarship

Chris is a double major in English Literature and Chinese. Having served in leadership positions at the Regiment and Company levels, Chris also served as a CTLT platoon leader in Korea and as the CIC of the China Military Academy

AIAD last summer. His dedication to community service was exemplified during his recent trip to Mexico where he helped build homes for impoverished families. Chris is a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and will be commissioned as a Military Intelligence officer with a branch detail to Armor. He will earn an MA in Asian Studies with a focus on China while at the University of Hawaii.



Tomio Toyama
(Class of 2005, Company F-2, Munster, IN)
East-West Center Scholarship

Tomio is a double language major in Arabic and French. He represented the Academy at the U.S. Embassy in Chad during his cow summer, participated in two academy exchanges with the Turkish military, and is extremely active in Cadet Club activities including the Arabic Club and Model Arab League. He has also contributed greatly to both the West Point community and his hometown through his participation in Special Olympics at West Point and in the D.A.R.E. program for elementary schools in Munster, Indiana. A future Military Intelligence officer who will be branch detailed to the Infantry, Tomio will earn an M.A. in History at the University of Hawaii.



Annie Hsieh
(Class of 2005, Co. G-2, Davis, CA)
Truman Scholarship

Annie is double major in Comparative Politics and Art, Philosophy, and Literature who is the Ring and Crest Committee Chair for the Class of 2005. She was an exchange cadet to the Naval Academy and is active in a multitude of service activities at West Point to include Young Life, Caring Cadets, and Protestant Sunday School Teachers. She currently plays Women's Army Rugby and has been a member of the Navy Women's Rugby team and the Army fencing team. Last summer, she worked for an NGO in South Africa that focused its efforts on AIDS, democracy, economic empowerment, and peace and reconciliation. Annie intends to earn a joint JD/MA from Yale, concentrating in law and international relations, to prepare her for a policymaking career dealing with military and humanitarian issues.