

AFJROTC News & Notes

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 HQ AF JUNIOR ROTC



Mr. Scotty Lewis
AFJROTC Acting Director

From the Acting Director...

It's already the start of School Year 17-18! Time has flown by but it hasn't been without a great deal being accomplished by your HQ Staff...they've been busy and we have some great news to share.

We have been asked by the CSAF to lead one of five Working Groups (WG-2) in support of the Aircrew Crisis Task Force (ACTF). The lack of available aircrew members is a national crisis and in recognition of this significant issue the CSAF stood up the ACTF. WG-2 is directed to focus on the intake side of the issue as it has been recognized by the entire aviation community that a desire to be involved in aviation must be developed/planted at an early age. Our involvement with the ACTF has generated a tremendous interest in AFJROTC...a good thing for the entire program. One of the first initiatives for WG-2 is to develop an AFJROTC Flight Academy. The Flight Academy will essentially be a CSAF Private

Pilot's License (PPL) Scholarship for AFJROTC cadets to attend a university with an aviation program. We are currently developing the details in coordination with several major universities that have ROTC Detachments and aviation programs. The basic idea is for handpicked cadets to attend an eight week course within which they will complete ground school and graduate with their PPL. Our Proof of Concept (POC) should take place next summer. We will work with you to select 120 cadets for our first Flight Academy class. Ultimately the goal is to send 1% of our cadet corps through our Flight Academy. This is a huge undertaking for your headquarters and the entire team is pulling together to make it a reality. You can expect clear guidance and requirements to submit cadets for this incredible opportunity. We believe it will become an awesome recruiting tool and for those that participate it will set them on a path for life changing career.

At the same time, we are working with ROTC to establish a "pathway" for cadets interested in aviation. The intent is to have a clear, achievable steps to ultimately join the aviation community. The pathway is currently either unknown or so intimidating and expensive that our youth do not choose to consider aviation as a career choice. Because this is a national issue, this career path is becoming and will remain extremely lucrative for those working in anything related to aviation.

We have also hired Major Mike Allen and MSgt Larry Nix to focus on one long standing headquarters weakness: Leadership Development Requirements (LDRs, AKA co-curriculars). We have failed to provide "turn-key" LDRs which take the burden off of our instructors to do all of the research, etc. to make them successful and useful. Major Allen and MSgt Nix have/will fully develop each LDR to ensure they are easily added to any unit that desires to do so. There is much to be done in this area and we have the right team for the job.

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From the Acting Director (cont)...

WINGS is infamous for being “unfriendly” to users. We have worked hard to come up with the funds to hire additional contracted programmers to specifically focus on modernizing the interface with WINGS. Most of us are fairly conversant in the use of icons and apps....a program called Fluid will be used to completely change and simplify how we all use WINGS. This initiative has always been on our “wish list” but we have not been able to afford the contract, but due to some fall out funds we may finally be able finally scratch this off of our list.

We are working hard and understand there is much more to do! Momentum is on our side and we intend to take full advantage while we can. Welcome back and best of luck with this school year. 🇺🇸



From the Support Division...

On behalf of the entire JROTC Support Staff (Logistics, Finance and Administration), I'd like to welcome back to all of you instructors and cadets. We want this year to be a positive experience for all of us. With that in mind, we will be working on strengthening our ties with you and continually working to improve our support to your unit.

The summer here in HQ AFJROTC was quite productive for us. JICC was a great success, and we really enjoyed meeting all of the new instructors and fielding all their questions. Getting them off to a great start is very important to us here.

As we enter this new school year, I want to send out some finance and logistic tips to help make your job easier.

The following are three helpful hints that will make the credit card process flow more seamlessly:

When purchasing from vendors with a shipping fee, please ensure to adjust the requested amount for your transaction, the estimated amount for most GSA request that require shipping is usually between \$50-\$100. Contact the vendor to receive an exact amount.

Ensure that the ten day suspense is met for uploading a MILPER receipt. This is important because HQ must reconcile our accounts and we cannot do that until all receipts are received.

Be sure to submit your transaction with a requested amount. If the amount entered is set with \$0.00, then HQ must seek further information which will cause a delay in processing the order.

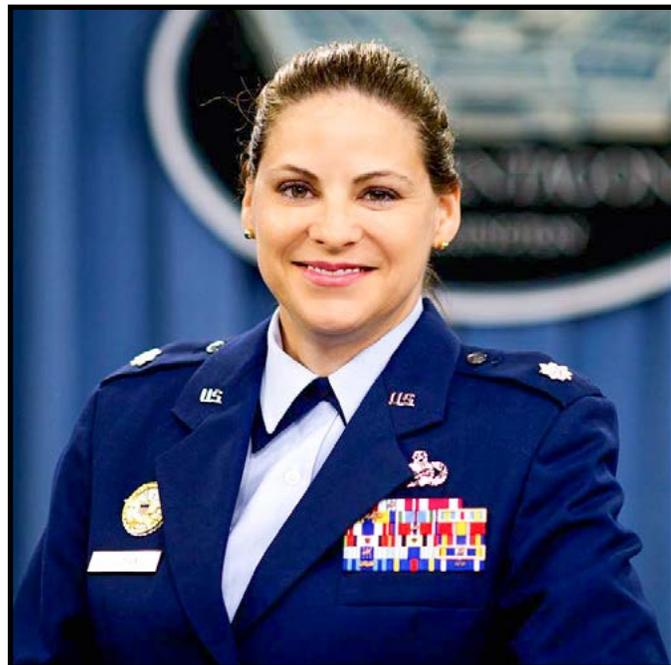
Logistics Tips:

To obtain the status of items ordered from EMALL thru WINGS go to: WINGS | Logistics | Receive items and click search. Select the order. The requisition number starts with FG3037 and will appear in the Requisition ID column; if the order has been in "processing" status for more than 30 days you will need to contact DLA. Send that FG number to dlacontactcenter@dla.mil or call them at 1-877-352-2255, but please do not call and send an e-mail. (Please either call OR send an e-mail, but not both.) If an item has been shipped, ask the DLA rep for the delivery date and who signed for it. This does not apply to contracted items or items stored at the Gunter Warehouse.

As an additional reminder, please contact your RD to transfer money between EMALL and MILPER. The Logistics staff no longer has this capability.

Be sure to catch us on our web page at: www.afjrotc.com, and our Facebook page at HQ AF Junior ROTC.

Finally, if you ever need my assistance, you can reach me at (334) 953-1597, or vanessa.saks@us.af.mil. 



Lieutenant Colonel Vanessa Saks
Chief, Support Division

Instructor Management Corner



Mr. David Richerson
Chief, Instructor Management

Welcome back for another promising year of building citizens of character! I hope you were all able to (somewhat) recharge your batteries over the summer break. Time marches on.

The 2017 Junior ROTC Instructor Certification Course (JICC) was a huge success. Feedback from all attendees indicated a 98.4% agreement that JICC does what is supposed to do: provides new instructors with the tools they need to effectively perform their teaching and administration duties at their JROTC unit. A special thanks to the thirty eight instructor dedicated instructors who served as Seminar

Leaders. Seminar Leaders always make or break JICC. Congratulations to all Seminar Leaders for making JICC 2017 the success it was!

Next summer, JICC will be held 11 to 22 June 2018. All new instructors hired before 1 April 2018 are required to attend. Those hired on or after 1 April 2018 may be deferred to JICC 2019. Additionally, those instructors who received a "Does Not Meet Standards" unit evaluation score, or those who have been otherwise directed, are required to attend JICC 2018. If there are any Humanitarian issues that would create a deferment need, please email HQ-Instructor Management early.

Instructor Development. Did you know that you -a sitting AFJROTC instructor- is the best "recruiting" mechanism for AFJROTC to obtain new instructors? We always need new instructor applicants. I ask that you use your influence and contacts to let others know about what you do and how they might become an instructor. Refer any interested parties to www.afjrotc.com.

I recently sent out a revised AFJROTC Form 98 and policy letter that updates many areas of Instructor Management. The intent behind

the revised form and the policy was to make the process more clear as it related to performance ratings and the impact those ratings have. Please familiarize yourself with all of that to avoid any surprises.

As we all know, having a full instructor team is necessary to provide a top-quality program. For those of you who intend to retire or resign at the end of this school year, please let us know as soon as possible. Once we know you intend to depart, we can advertise the pending vacancy. If you wait until May to tell us you are retiring/resigning in June, we may have a harder time finding your replacement. For those of you considering transferring to another AFJROTC unit in summer 2018, please be sure you know the requirements listed in Chapter 17 states (plus the policy recent letter changes).

As always, you can send your questions to me at david.richerson.1@us.af.mil, or call me at 334-953-7742.

Have a safe and productive fall semester! 🇺🇸



Leadership Development Requirements

Who do I contact to get information on starting up a marksmanship program? What are the details of the multi-copter program? When is my registration due for CyberPatriot? Where is the JROTC Joint Leadership and Academic Bowl held? How do I sign my cadets up for a Civil Air Patrol Orientation Flight?

These are just a few examples of questions you may have had at some point. You likely reached out to your Regional Director or someone else at Headquarters to get the answer. The “who” or “how” may have been inconsistent. To that end, many of you have recommended that there be a dedicated section to handle the “5 W’s” of co-curricular activities.

HQ AFJROTC leadership recognized that need and subsequently stood up the “Leadership Development Requirements” branch (LDR), formerly known as co-curricular. MSgt Larry Nix and I are at the helm and I can assure you that we are ecstatic about this opportunity. You signed on to train high school cadets in citizenship, promote community service, and instill personal responsibility, character, and self-discipline. I would offer that you aren’t as effective if you are constantly researching the 5 W’s of a critical piece of that framework- “Leadership Development Requirements.” Our goal is to alleviate that strain by conducting the research, providing relevant resources and references, down to the miniscule details in order to allow you, our customer, to focus on developing our cadets.



This new “conduit” of information is evolving daily as we define the scope and delivery of services we strive to provide. In the coming months, our plan is unveil a repository of verified data for you to pull from. We ask that you be patient in the interim. To that end, please don’t shy away from asking us questions. We are learning too and can serve you while codifying the processes. If something is not in our lane, we will get you to the appropriate person. In many cases, you might be redirected to your Regional Director.

We look forward to being a part of your team. Thank you for all you do for our youth and what you have done for our country.

Sincerely,

Maj Mike Allen and MSgt Larry Nix

AFJROTC LDR Branch

NEW LE 200 AVAILABLE TO ORDER

The new *Leadership Education 200: Communication, Awareness, and Leadership – Second Edition* is available for ordering. The new textbook is similar in content to the current textbook, and the revision features all the 21st century enhancements we have incorporated over the past years.

It includes:

- Hardcover full-color textbook with CD & electronic files
- Instructor Guide with Volumes 1 and 2 and DVD with electronic files
- Lesson plans with updated format using the Revised Bloom’s Taxonomy, and test bank files—both in Word
- Minimum of 4 activities per lesson, projects, & rubrics
- Correlations to McREL national standards, Common Core State Standards, & ISTE Standards for Students
- Turning Point Cloud formatted files with PowerPoint slides, & lesson, vocabulary, & test questions
- LE 200 v2 Install Application
- TPC Install instructions on the DVD

The projects for project-based learning include:

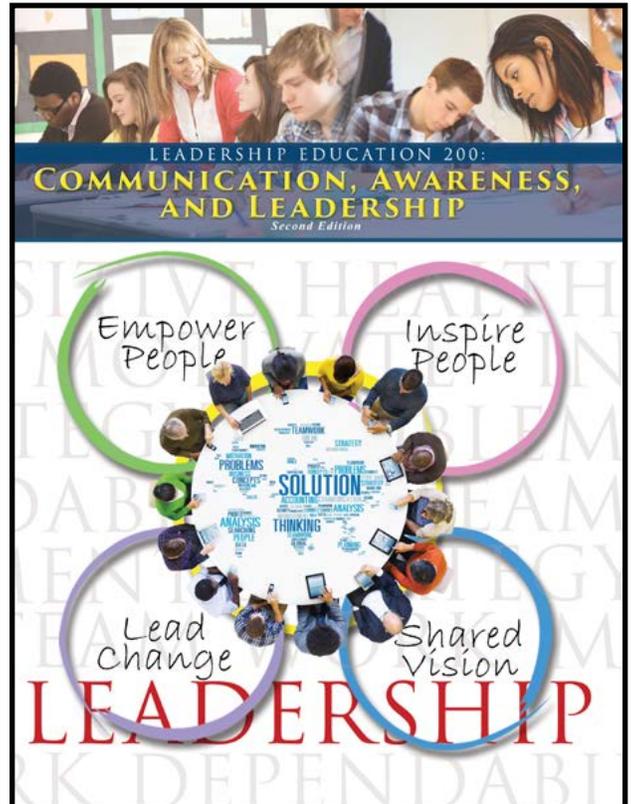
- Writing a reflection paper on effective communication
- Creating and publishing an AFJROTC newsletter
- Creating presentations on admired leaders
- Performing a service project at the school or in the community

The new companion website contains crossword puzzles, interactive glossary, interactive flashcards, quizzes, checkpoints lesson review questions from the textbook, web links providing additional information, and additional teacher resources. Access instructions for the website are in the Instructor Guides on pages x-xi.

A new feature of this course is the “Common Standards Correlations” that correlates the “common” elements of the lessons to the standards. The common elements include completing the textbook Quick Write, reading and interpreting the lesson and visual images, completing the textbook Checkpoints Lesson Review questions, participating in class discussions, completing the activities, and interacting with others. This “Common Standards Correlations” is also applicable to the other AFJROTC courses.

The mandatory time frame for implementing this course is fall 2018 for academic year 2018-2019. Refer to the “2017-2018 CPMF” on page 11 for detailed ordering instructions through WINGS | Logistics. The maximum number for ordering per school is 40 textbooks (V-7216T, 2016) and two instructor guides (V-8216G, 2016). If you require more textbooks than that, you need to provide justification for approval. Refer any questions for ordering curriculum materials to HQ-TextbookOrders@afjrotc.com.

The POC for the course is Linda Sackie, Instructional Systems Designer, Holm Center Academic Affairs Directorate; e-mail: linda.sackie@us.af.mil. 



Curriculum Update...

CULTURE AND SPACE COMPANION WEBSITES

As a reminder, we have created updates to the Cultural Studies textbook (2010) and Exploring Space textbook (2010) and placed them on the respective companion websites. They are located in the Teacher Resources sections; new updates are added periodically. Additionally, there are changes and updates to The Science of Flight located on its companion website; updates to other courses are added as needed. Here are the updates for culture and space:

Cultural Studies: An Introduction to Global Awareness

CHAPTER 1: THE MIDDLE EAST

Terrorism and the Rise of IS
Dashed Hopes of Arab Spring
Syria's Refugees—Nowhere to Return

CHAPTER 2: ASIA

The Aftermath of Japan's Fukushima Disaster
Territorial Dispute in the South China Sea
The State of Women's Issues in India

CHAPTER 3: AFRICA

Africa Hopeful Trends
Africa Terrorism
Dashed Hopes of Arab Spring
Conflict in South Sudan

CHAPTER 4: RUSSIA AND THE FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS

Russia and Ukraine

CHAPTER 5: LATIN AMERICA

Progress and Setbacks in Latin America
The Impact of the Zika Virus on Latin America

CHAPTER 6: EUROPE

Economic Woes in Greece
Brexit

WORLDWIDE

Terror Attacks Continue Worldwide

Cultural Studies: An Introduction to Global Awareness

Astronaut Scott Kelly Breaks US Record
Commercial Space Flight
Death Star
Exploring Comets and Asteroids
Exploring Pluto
Juno's Mission to Jupiter
Mars Rover Curiosity
Mars Rovers Our Robotic Explorers
Mars Water Discovery Debate
Mission to Mars Update
NASA Dawn Mission to Study Dwarf Planets

NASA's Space Shuttle Officially Ends
New Dwarf Planet Discovered Beyond Pluto's Orbit
New Horizon Continues Mission Beyond Pluto
Saturn's Enceladus Moon New Photos New Findings
SOHO's Secret Power
Studying our Sun
Supplying the International Space Station
The Chandra X-ray Observatory
The Next Generation of Mars Rovers

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AVIATION PROGRAMS TAKE FLIGHT AT FLORIDA AFJROTC UNITS

AFJROTC is pleased to announce a new educational partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Gaetz Aerospace Institute to begin providing dual-enrollment college credit coursework at Florida AFJROTC units.

The Gaetz Aerospace Institute – a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) dual-enrollment education program – offers tuition-free college credits and hands-on experience in university level FAA pilot ground school and UAV safety certification courses for qualified AFJROTC cadets. Cadets enrolled in these courses receive up to 15 college credits and career technical education (CTE) credit towards graduation.

Of the 73 AFJROTC programs in Florida, ten units in nine different school districts will take part in the pilot program for the fall 2017-2018 semester. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) requires that all instructors complete an ERAU hosted course certification program prior to teaching their curriculum. Pictured above are the first ten instructors to successfully complete ERAU's certification program held this past June at their Daytona Beach campus.



The ten Florida AFJROTC units participating are FL-20041, Timber Creek HS; FL-20064, Ocoee HS; FL-921, Osceola HS; FL-822, Northeast HS; FL-20054, Jefferson HS; FL-20024, Eustis HS; FL-954, Lake Brantley HS; FL-043, Vero Beach HS; and FL-824, Lake Worth HS.

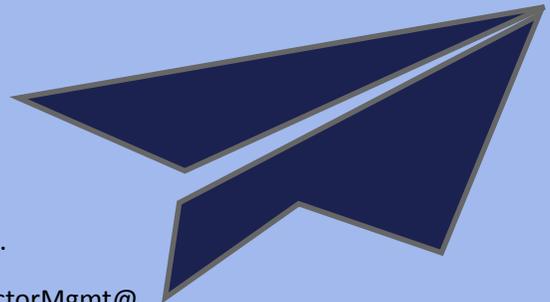
Florida units interested in participating in these programs should contact Mr. Mike Wetzel, AFJROTC Academic Credit Liaison at either michael.wetzel.5@us.af.mil or (334) 953-7236. 

EMAIL AND WINGS ISSUES POCS

For any and all AFJROTC.com email issues, please contact your Regional Director by sending them an email from your school provided email address requesting assistance. Please expect a 3-5 day turnaround for resetting your email. Please ensure that you are checking your AFJROTC.com email daily or weekly for important information and to keep your account open and active.

For WINGS issues, if you are locked out, please contact HQ-InstructorMgmt@AFJROTC.com or holmcenter.wings.support@us.af.mil. Please ensure that you are checking your WINGS account daily or weekly for important information and to keep your account open and active.

Please note that the WINGS help desk does not have access to AFJROTC.com email system. These are two separate systems with different issue resolution pipelines.



News & Noteworthy...

2017-2018 AFJROTC Academic Bowl Level II Results

Congratulations to our Air Force JROTC teams that competed at the Joint Leadership Academic Bowl (JLAB) Nationals this past weekend in Washington DC. Eight Air Force JROTC teams competed with members of the Army JROTC, Navy JROTC and Marine Corps JROTC for the title of Academic Bowl National Champions. John F. Kennedy High School (GU-051) came all the way from Guam and finished in 3rd place to Sunnyslope High School (AZ-081) during the Air Force's National Championships by only 3 points. During joint competition, nothing could stop the Scripps Ranch

High School (CA-935) juggernaut from winning their second National JLAB championship as they outpaced all other schools by 220 points in the final round of competition.

Also, C/MSgt He from Scripps Ranch won her second JLAB championship but, earlier this spring she received notification that she had scored a perfect score of 36 on her ACT college examination. This young cadet is building an impressive college resume!

Again, congratulations to all of our Air Force teams! You did a phenomenal job representing the very best and brightest academic stars of Air Force JROTC.

2017-2018 AIR FORCE JROTC ACADEMIC BOWL FINALIST TEAMS

Air Academy High School
Arlington Career Center
Byron P. Steele High School
John F. Kennedy High School
North Quincy High School
Sunnyslope High School
Scripps Ranch High School
St. Paul's School

USAF Academy, CO
Arlington, VA
Cibolo, TX
Tamuning, GU
Quincy, MA
Phoenix, AZ
San Diego, CA
Covington, LA

The dates for the 2017-2018 JLAB competition are listed below. This is an awesome opportunity to challenge your cadets and help prepare them for a bright future. Participation in this competition is highly encouraged.

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| October 1-25, 2017 | Practice Round for Level I (open to all cadets!) |
| November 1-20, 2017 | Team Registration |
| November 1-20, 2017 | Level I |
| February 1-15, 2018 | Level II |
| June 22-26, 2018 | Level III - The Championship in Washington, DC |

Please visit <http://collegeoptionsfoundation.net/> for more information.

Note: It is HQ's intent to fund 16 teams to attend the Level III Championship this year. More information to follow. 



AFA ANNOUNCES STELLARXPLOREERS III NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

StellarXplorers inspires and attracts high school students to pursue studies and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through a challenging, space system design competition involving all aspects of system development and operation with a spacecraft/payload focus.

The dates for the 2018 StellarXplorers competition are listed below. Participation in this challenging competition is highly encouraged.

It is not too late to register a team and participate in the competition.

October 15, 2017 - Team Registration Deadline

October 26-29, 2017 - Practice

November 10-12, 2017 - Qualification

December 1-3, 2017 - Practice

December 15-17, 2017 - Qualification

January 12-14, 2018 - Practice

February 2-4, 2018 - Quarter Finals

March 2-4, 2018 - Semi Finals

April 16-21 or Apr 23-28, 2018 - Finals

May 1, 2018 - Registration Opens for StellarXplorers V Competition

Please visit: <http://www.stellarxplorers.org/> for more information.

Note: HQ will fund the \$200 registration fee for the first 50 (Non-Title 1) teams that want to participate in the competition, we will get a list of the first 50 teams that register from StellarXplorers. Funds will be transferred after FY18 funds are loaded, and then you can pay the registration fee by credit card. Registration fees are due by 1 December 2017.

Title 1 teams, StellarXplorers is waiving the registration fee for your teams.



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SILVER VALOR AWARD, AY 2017/2018

Awarded to a cadet for a voluntary act of heroism which does not meet the risk-of-life requirements of the Gold Valor Award.

CA-20066- Cadet Angel Wilson
FL-20063 - Cadet Jesen Beach
FL-20083 - Cadet Paolette Pimentel
GA-958 - Cadet Greg Jones
NC-075- Cadet Jonathan DeLaCruz
NC-075- Cadet Dakota Warren
NY-095- Cadet Michael Masopust
TX-20081- Cadet Tyler Jesse

COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH EXCELLENCE AWARD, AY 2017/2018

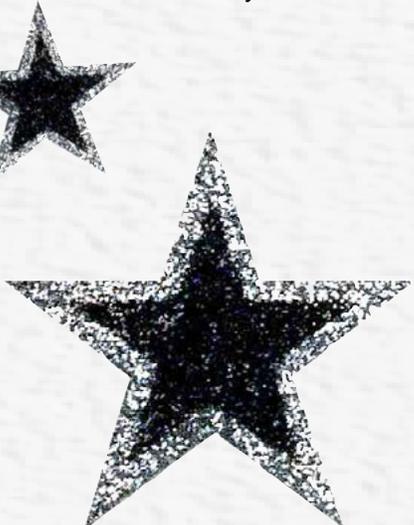
NC-948 Cadet Aleah Brinn

HUMANITARIAN AWARD, AY 2017/2018

On 6 March 2017, an EF-3 tornado touched down in Oak Grove, Missouri, damaging or destroying 483 homes and 12 commercial buildings. MO-941 (Blue Springs South High School) has a cross-town agreement with Oak Grove High School, where 18 of our cadets attend class. On 13 March 2017, forty-six MO-941 cadets gave up the first day of their Spring Break to assist the Oak Grove community in disaster recovery efforts. Cadets conducted 270 hours of debris cleanup throughout the day for several residents and on public grounds throughout the town, under the direction of the Oak Grove City Hall's relief center. The following cadets participated in disaster recovery and are recommended for the AFJROTC Cadet Humanitarian Award:

CO-20101- Cadet Alan Alvarez
MO-941 - Cadet Errol Barbee
MO-941 - Cadet Gage Baska
MO-941 - Cadet Peyton Blomquist
MO-941 - Cadet Rielly Bogert
MO-941 - Cadet Jada Call
MO-941 - Cadet Shaylee Clifton
MO-941 - Cadet Dendera Davenport
MO-941 - Cadet Truman Delles
MO-941 - Cadet Olivia Fleming
MO-941 - Cadet Spencer Ginther
MO-941 - Cadet Matthew Girkin
MO-941 - Cadet Felicity Hanna
MO-941 - Cadet Zachary Harp
MO-941 - Cadet Mason Harper
MO-941 - Cadet Roy Hart
MO-941 - Cadet Miller Hicks
MO-941 - Cadet Krystal Hooten
MO-941 - Cadet Cody Jones
MO-941 - Cadet Taylor Jones
MO-941 - Cadet Kiaya Joseph
MO-941 - Cadet Frason Kalapurackal
MO-941 - Cadet Cody Kent
MO-941 - Cadet Christian Kiehne
MO-941 - Cadet Hayden Kolster
MO-941 - Cadet Kathleen LaVergne
MO-941 - Cadet Austin Langdon
MO-941 - Cadet Colin Lovdahl
MO-941 - Cadet Luis Luciano-Velez
MO-941 - Cadet Curtis Martinez
MO-941 - Cadet Bryli Masters
MO-941 - Cadet Hannah Mayes
MO-941 - Cadet Saige Mayes
MO-941 - Cadet Corie O'Tool
MO-941 - Cadet Joshua Paulsen
MO-941 - Cadet Nathan heppard
MO-941 - Cadet Bailey Smith
MO-941 - Cadet Jacob Solomon

MO-941 - Cadet Isidro Tamayo
MO-941 - Cadet Raonia Tillman
MO-941 - Cadet Michael Todd
MO-941 - Cadet Jessika Tucker
MO-941 - Cadet Peyton Ultican
MO-941 - Cadet Carlos Velasquez
MO-941 - Cadet Elijah Wilkinson
MO-941 - Cadet Braden Williams
MO-941 - Cadet Connor Wood
OH-091- Cadet Cheyenne Raleigh
OH-091- Cadet Alissa Salyers
TX- 20062 - Cadet Austin Willson
UT-20061- Cadet Sayuri Catalan
UT-20061- Cadet Carlos Peralta
UT-20061- Cadet Kyle Grable



WINNERS – NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAM COMPETITION

In total Air Force JROTC drill teams took home 68 National Championship trophies! Outstanding job cadets.

CHALLENGE LEVEL

Armed Inspection

1st Place – General Benjamin O. Davis High School (TX-20121)

3rd Place – Lebanon High School (OH-771)

5th Place – Rutherford B. Hayes High School (OH-012)

Armed Commander's Trophy

3rd Place – William J. Brennan High School (TX-20101), Cadet Sojot

Armed Regulation

2nd Place - William J. Brennan High School (TX-20101)

Armed Color Guard

4th Place – Rutherford B. Hayes High School (OH-012)

Unarmed Overall Championship

1st Place – Springboro High School (OH-081)

Unarmed Inspection

2nd Place – Springboro High School (OH-081)

Unarmed Commander's Trophy

1st Place – Springboro High School (OH-081), Cadet Johannssen

3rd Place – Waller High School (TX-20065), Cadet Wences

Unarmed Regulation

1st Place - Springboro High School (OH-081)



Left: The Mustangs, John Jay High School, San Antonio TX - Alternative Arms National Runners-up; Right: The Blue Aces, Brandeis High School, San Antonio TX - Unarmed National Runners-up

3rd Place – Waller High School (TX-20065)

Unarmed Color Guard

1st Place – West Aurora High School (IL-20141)

2nd Place - Lebanon High School (OH-771)

Unarmed Exhibition

1st Place – Waller High School (TX-20065)

3rd Place – Springboro High School (OH-081)

5th Place – West Aurora High School (IL-20141)

Open Color Guard

3rd Place – Earl Warren High School (TX-20022)

4th Place – Brandeis High School (TX-20083) (TX-20083) - Lady Aces

5th Place – Brandeis High School (TX-20083) (TX-20083) - Raptors

MASTERS LEVEL

Unarmed – Dual Exhibition

2nd Place – Tom C. Clark High School (TX-793), Silver Valor Cadets, Cadet Gonzalez and Cadet Cedillo

3rd Place - Tom C. Clark High School (TX-793), Silver Valor Cadets, Cadet Drake and Cadet Mosqueda

Demilitarized Armed - Solo Exhibition

1st Place – Marietta High School (GA-20021) – Cadet Donlin

3rd Place – Brandeis High School (TX-20083) (TX-20083) – Cadet Cardona

Demilitarized Armed - Dual Exhibition

1st Place – John Jay High School (TX-782) , Silver Eagles, Cadet Martinez and Cadet Gonzalez

3rd Place – Brandeis High School (TX-20083), Night Hawks, Cadet Cardona and Cadet Darland

Unarmed Commander Trophy

1st Place – Brandeis High School (TX-20083) – Blue Aces – Cadet Saniel

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3rd Place – Sandra Day O’Conner High School (TX-20082) – Mighty Panthers – Cadet Park

Demilitarized Armed Commander Trophy

1st Place – John Jay High School (TX-782) – Silver Eagles – Cadet Monk

2nd Place – Tom C. Clark High School (TX-793) – Centurion Guard – Cadet Hollin

Alternative/Mixed Inspection

2nd Place – John Jay High School (TX-782) – Marching Mustangs

Unarmed Inspection

3rd Place – Tom C. Clark High School (TX-793) – Silver Valor

5th Place – Brandeis High School (TX-20083) – Blue Aces

Demilitarized Armed Inspection

1st Place – John Jay High School (TX-782) – Silver Eagles

5th Place – East Paulding High School (GA-20051) – Black Hawks

Alternative/Mixed Regulation

4th Place – John Jay High School (TX-782) – Marching Mustangs

Unarmed Regulation

1st Place – Brandeis High School (TX-20083) – Blue Aces

4th Place – Sandra Day O’Connor High School – Mighty Panthers

Demilitarized Armed Regulation

2nd Place – John Jay High School (TX-782) – Silver Eagles

4th Place – Tom C. Clark High School (TX-793) – Centurion Guard

Alternative/Mixed Color Guard

3rd Place -John Jay High School (TX-782) – Marching Mustangs

Unarmed Color Guard

2nd Place – Tom C. Clark High School (TX-793) – Silver Valor

3rd Place – Brandeis High School (TX-20083) – Blue Aces

5th Place – Sandra Day O’Connor High School – Mighty Panthers

Demilitarized Armed Color Guard

1st Place – John Jay High School (TX-782) – Silver Eagles

2nd Place – Brandeis High School (TX-20083) – Night Hawks

3rd Place – East Paulding High School (GA-20051) – Black Hawks

Alternative/Mixed – Squad Exhibition

2nd Place – John Jay High School (TX-782) – Marching Mustangs

Unarmed – Element Exhibition

1st Place – Brandeis High School (TX-20083) – Blue Aces

4th Place – Tom C. Clark High School (TX-793) – Silver Valor

5th Place – John Jay High School (TX-782) – Snap II

Demilitarized Armed – Squad Exhibition

1st Place – John Jay High School (TX-782) – Silver Eagles

3rd Place – Tom C. Clark High School (TX-793), Centurion Guard

Alternative/Mixed Platoon Exhibition

4th Place – John Jay High School (TX-782) – Marching Mustangs

Unarmed – Flight Exhibition

3rd Place – Brandeis High School (TX-20083) – Blue Aces

5th Place – Tom C. Clark High School (TX-793) – Silver Valor

Demilitarized Armed Exhibition

2nd Place – John Jay High School (TX-782) – Silver Eagles

4th Place – Tom C. Clark High School (TX-793) – Centurion Guard

Air Force National Champions

Unarmed

Champion – Brandeis High School (TX-20083) – Blue Aces

Runner up – Tom C. Clark High School (TX-793) – Silver Valor

Armed

Champion – John Jay High School (TX-782) – Silver Eagles

Runner Up – Tom C. Clark High School (TX-793) – Centurion Guard

Overall National Championship

Demilitarized Armed – Overall Championship

1st Place – John Jay High School (TX-782) – Silver Eagles

Unarmed – Overall Championship

2nd Place – Brandeis High School (TX-20083) – Blue Aces

Alternative/Mixed – Overall Championship

2nd Place – John Jay High School (TX-782) – Marching Mustangs

TX-781 STUDENTS WIN THE CISCO NETWORKING CHALLENGE IN THE NATIONAL CYBER DEFENSE COMPETITION

A team of cadets from O.W. Holmes/Business Careers High School (TX-781) in San Antonio, TX, were among 13 finalists in the national championship round of the Air Force Association's CyberPatriot IX—The National Youth Cyber Defense Competition All Service Division. The All Service Division began with 1,589 teams registered. The group narrowed to 13 final teams, and each team received an all-expense-paid trip to the CyberPatriot National Finals Competition at the Hyatt Regency in Baltimore, MD., where teams competed face-to-face and defended virtual networks from a professional aggressor team. Competitors participated in several timed events, showcasing a cornucopia of cybersecurity skills, and competed to win the coveted National Championship award and scholarships.

The national finalists competed for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall, along with the CISCO Networking Challenge, AT&T Mobile Device Component, Leidos Digital Forensic Event, and the Facebook Challenge. O.W. Holmes won the CISCO Networking Challenge and was ranked 4th overall. They were one of two AFJROTC teams to make it to the national competition out of 398 AFJROTC teams registered.

Congratulations to Cadets Gentry and Velasquez, Class Act Award Winners!



Team members from left to right: C/Capt Daniel Forestier team commander, C/Capt Colton Hurtt, C/Maj Mateo Morales, C/Col Roberto Delgado, C/Lt Col Noah Woinicki, C/SMSGT Garren Dockery, mentor Mr. Juan Guerrero, and coach CMSgt (ret.) Colleen Curl.

TX-20101 WINNERS OF NATIONAL JROTC FITNESS CHALLENGE

We are pleased to announce that William J. Brennan High School (TX-20101) has been named the national champions at the first ever National JROTC Fitness Challenge Championship, held 6-7 May 2017 in Daytona Beach, FL. Pictured are the Spartan Bears, varsity team of William J. Brennan High School.



Spartan Bears, varsity team of William J. Brennan High School.

TX-951 Space Shuttle Replica

Oak Ridge High School (TX-951) raising the colors with their replica space shuttle, "War Eagle", in the foreground. Built on plans for a 1/4 scale model of the original, it can move on its own power and is displayed in parades, elementary schools and junior high schools.



FL-20054 CAP FLIGHT



Cadets from Jefferson High School (FL-20054) receive a pre-flight briefing from local Civil Air Patrol (CAP) pilots.



Cadets perform pre-flight checks with CAP pilots.



Cadets and CAP pilots pose in front of the aircraft before flight.



CAP aircraft prepares for take-off from an airport in St Petersburg, FL, where the first ever scheduled commercial flight took place.

CA-20161 TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER RECREATION

Merrill F. West High School (CA-20161) Air Force JROTC cadets guarded a symbolic Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the campus quad on the morning of 22 May 2017 in honor of members of the Armed Forces who have died in their country's service.



Cadet Ezequiel Prado walks a post in front of the Tomb.



Cadet Jonathan Fuller places a wreath at the Tomb.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

http://www.goldenstatenewspapers.com/tracy_press/our_town/west-high-jrotc-remembers-the-fallen/article_535f27e4-417b-11e7-ab3b-efe3b1f6a138.html



WA-20052 CADETS EXCEL AT HAWAII AFJROTC CLC 2017

Five AFJROTC cadets from Federal Way High School (WA-20052) (Patricia Arango Lopez, Soleil Miyamoto, Grace Tangonan, Callistus Tiweyang and Cody Tyndall) completed the demanding Hawaii AFJROTC Cadet Leadership Course (2017), two graduating with honors. They were accompanied by MSgt (ret) Will Smith and a female chaperone from within the Federal Way High School.

Hosted by Kaiser High School (HI-932) and held on Marine Corps Base Hawaii (Kaneohe Bay), 12-17 June 2017, cadets throughout the week competed in various events to test their teamwork, communication and leadership skills. The Moonbase Alpha exercise tested their communication skills and their ability to collect, memorize and process information in a time critical situation. The Tower Building exercise tested their analytical, communication and organization skills as designers, contractors and builders. Under the guidance of U.S. Marines, cadets spent half a day tackling leadership challenges



(predominantly situational), both physical and mental components at the Leadership Reaction and Obstacle/Confidence Course The Race to the Top tested their physical capabilities and their motivation in getting their flight (group) up to the top of the daunting Control Tower Hill in the fastest time. And, to culminate training they were assessed (written

test and demonstration) on how well they could lead and follow.

Cadet Grace Tangonan was a distinguished graduate (being in the top 10 percent of the class). She received the AFJROTC Superior Performance ribbon and a plaque. Cadet Cody Tyndall graduated with the Academic Achievement award, having amassed the highest score on the written assessment. He received the AFJROTC Achievement ribbon and a plaque.

Cadet Tyndall received his award from Lt Col (ret) John Sykes, senior instructor at Kaiser High School. Cadet Tangonan received her award from Federal Way High School's own MSgt Smith.

Not only did cadets receive rigorous training in a tropical environment, they met and bonded well with cadets from the islands, making new friendships forever. All expressed their gratitude to Federal Way High School, HQ AFJROTC and the school board for helping to make it happen for them.



MO-941 TAPS AT THE TOWER

Cadets from Blues Springs South High School (MO-941) present the colors 19 June 2017 at the Taps at the Tower ceremony at the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, MO. The annual ceremony honors our nation's veterans and their sacrifices, and for one week each year, the museum hosts a sunset remembrance every evening on the grounds of the National World War I Memorial. The Blue Springs South High School Color Guard presented the colors, while the instructors, Col (ret) Stan Cole and SMSgt (ret) Josef Albert, laid a wreath at the memorial before the playing of Taps.

From left to right: Luis Luciano-Velez, Nathan Sheppard, Isaac Hummel, Nick Herman, and Jessika Tucker.

NV-20011 CADETS TOUR COMMERCIAL FLIGHT SIMULATOR

Cadets from Palo Verde High School (NV-20011) in Las Vegas, NV toured the Pan Am International Flight Academy on 26 April 2017. The cadets were briefed by Mr Phil Spessard, Training Center Manager. Mr. Spessard began his flying career in the US Navy, and is type rated for multiple commercial aircraft. Commenting that "...the Navy taught me to fly...it is time to return that favor," he led cadets through a Boeing 737 system briefing, followed by a flight in a B-737 full motion simulator.



OK-081 SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION JROTC CADET OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to C/Maj Connor Goodrich of Edmond North High School (OK-081) in Edmond, Oklahoma! He is the winner of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution JROTC Cadet of the Year. He represented Oklahoma and Air Force JROTC at the SAR National Convention in Knoxville, TN in July, where he and his parents flew to accept the award and present his award-winning essay. In addition, he will receive a \$4,000 cash award. Cadet Goodrich also presented his award winning essay.

In addition to winning the SAR JROTC Cadet of the Year award, Cadet Goodrich was elected as the Governor of Oklahoma Boy's State Convention in May. He is an active member of unit's Armed Exhibition Team (Blue Knights), Competition Color Guard, has a 4.1 GPA, and is a member of the National Honor Society, Oklahoma Honor Society, Kitty Hawk Air Society, and is a Daedalian Scholarship recipient. He is a rising senior this next year at Edmond North High School.

Cadet Goodrich is currently the unit's Operations Officer and is applying for scholarships to the US Air Force Academy, US Naval Academy, and the US Military Academy at West Point.



Pictured Cadet Major Connor Goodrich

AFJROTC Cadet Wins A Car

ACCOMPLISHED VISTA HIGH GRADUATE GIVEN VEHICLE IN AUTO REPAIR SHOP OWNER'S ANNUAL GIVE-AWAY CONTEST

By Teri Figueroa

For Juan Soberanes, getting a free car was a shock.

He's worked hard, though, so much so that he was chosen as Vista High School's Student of the Year this past spring. And the 18-year-old recent graduate speaks three languages, has a three-page list of accomplishments that puts adults to shame, and has a decent shot at an appointment to a prestigious military service academy.

But the young man struggling to overcome poverty and adversity didn't know that one of his adult mentors was so impressed with him that he'd quietly nominated the teen to receive the car.

So it blindsided Soberanes when he was handed — in front of a crowd of people last Sunday at the Vista Rod Run on Aug. 6 — the keys to the fully restored 2002 Nissan Altima.

"It really hit me," he said this week. "After all this work I have been putting in, I am being recognized for it."

Every summer for the past three years, Vista mechanic T.J. Crossman obtains and fixes up a used car, with the sole purpose of giving it away to someone who could really use it. He bought the Altima and replacement parts, and did the repairs at his own cost. He also recruited others to donate help — including the detailing — and he's still hoping someone will help cover a year of car insurance for Soberanes.

The giveaway is part of a small but nationwide program dubbed "Wheels to Prosper," where auto repair shops fix up and donate car to deserving folks in need. TJ Crossman's Auto Repair in Vista is the only shop in San Diego County signed on to the program.

The idea is to provide a hand-up, not a hand-out, Crossman said. This year, roughly 80 people nominated themselves or others for the blue four-door sedan. The judges Crossman recruited to select the winner recommended Soberanes for the honor. Crossman took one look and quickly agreed.

"He's an amazing young man and he deserves the world, in my opinion," Crossman said. "There are lessons that we all could learn from him. There are adults that aren't even as hardworking as he is."

Among Soberanes' notables are his 4.5 GPA and ability to speak English, Spanish and German — the latter a language he selected solely because it intrigued him.

Soberanes was a member of his high school's track and cross-country teams, took part in school advisory committees and interned for U.S. Rep. Darrell Issa.

He was also a member of the Air Force JROTC — rose to the level of cadet colonel — and aside from that served as a platoon sergeant for the North San Diego Young Marines.

Hector Marquez, executive officer for the Marines youth group, was the one who nominated Soberanes for the car. He says Soberanes is "extraordinarily special. He stands out from the crowd."

"This kid, it's so hard to pay him compliments because he is so humble," Marquez said. "He thinks that way because he knows he is not done. He is still climbing."

He wasn't always so driven. The epiphany came in ninth grade, when a then-overweight Soberanes was lazing on the couch playing video games one day and a family member asked: "What are you going to do with your life?"

He suddenly saw the struggles around him, in his neighborhood, even in his family.

Soberanes got moving. He joined his school JROTC program. He took tough classes, started doing volunteer work, joined committees. He set goals.

"I wanted something better," he said. "I wanted a change. I wanted to be the change."

"For him to come out fine without gangs or bad grades would have been fine," Marquez, the executive officer, said. "But this guy is way beyond that."

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Four years later and 40 pounds thinner, he is still goal-driven. His goals are listed on a hand-drawn pyramid on a large poster board in his bedroom.

The next goal on his list: an appointment to the Air Force Academy. This year he came close — so close that academy officials selected him for a special scholarship to help pay for prep-school training designed to improve his chances of getting into the academy next year.

Scholarship in hand, Soberanes will head to the San Bernardino Mountain community of Crestline at the end of this month to attend Northwest Preparatory School.

“I don’t want to be average at whatever I do,” Soberanes said. “I want to be the best at it. I don’t feel comfortable about being normal. It motivates me to do more and be the best.”

And now he’s got a reliable car to help him get where he’s going.





OH - 012 CELEBRATES 50 YEARS



Every decade in OH-012's history was represented at their 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Delaware County Air Force Junior ROTC Unit OH-012 recently marked its 50th Anniversary, as well as the 50th Anniversary of the entire AFJROTC program. The program was inaugurated in 1966 with the activation of 20 pilot units scattered throughout the United States, one of which was Unit OH-012 based at Rutherford B. Hayes High School in Delaware, Ohio! Of the original 20, 12 are still active, making OH-012 one of the 12 oldest units in a program that now numbers 878 units worldwide!

Over the decades, OH-012 has served not only the students of Hayes but also those of partner institutions Olentangy, Olentangy Liberty, Olentangy Orange, Buckeye Valley, Big Walnut, Delaware Christian, and Westerville North High Schools, the OASIS Academy, and home-schooled Cadets.

To mark the milestone, OH-012 hosted a picnic at the Boy Scouts of America Simon Kenton Council's Camp Lazarus near Delaware. An estimated 200 current and former Cadets, friends, family, instructors, parent booster presidents, and school administrators attended. Every decade in OH-012's history was represented! Noteworthy was the presence of Rick Wynkoop, a member of the original Cadet Corps activated in 1966, who brought amazing photographs, clippings, and other memorabilia. Walter Hurd, CDR (ret), who was the Assistant Principal of Hayes High School in 1966 was present. He was instrumental in bringing AFJROTC to Hayes.

Others participating in the celebration included: Col (ret) Roger Schupp, the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI) from 1978 to 1991; SMSgt (ret) Carl Semon, the Aerospace Science Instructor (ASI) from 1985 to 1996; Paul Craft, Col (ret), the current Delaware City Schools Superintendent; and Douglas Behnke and Jerry Stewart, the former and current Delaware City Schools Executive Directors of Human Resources and Facilities respectively. The current SASI and ASI of OH-012 are Lt Col (ret) Russ Anible and SMSgt (ret) Doug Manley.

Former SASI Col (ret) Gary Chilcott, and former ASIs CMSgt (ret) Bill Williams and MSgt (ret) Thomas Frazier were unable to attend but sent their greetings.

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The objectives of JROTC are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship, promote community service, instill ideals of responsibility, character, and self-discipline, and provide instruction in air and space fundamentals.

The AFJROTC program is grounded in the Air Force core values of "integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do."