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WEST POINT CADETS EARN RHODES, MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS – Nov. 20, 2017

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Two U.S. Military Academy women have been selected to receive prestigious scholarships allowing for continued academic study following graduation and commissioning in May. More scholarships are expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

Rhodes

Simone Askew is a 2018 Rhodes Scholar. She serves as first captain at the U.S. Military Academy and majors in international history. Last summer, she led 1,502 cadets as the regimental commander of Cadet Basic Training II, and she currently leads 4,400 cadets as the first ever African-American female first captain. Outside of the curriculum, Askew spends her time developing leaders as the cadet-in-charge of the Elevation Initiative. Askew has travelled to Washington, D.C., San Diego, Virginia, and New York to participate in conferences on leadership, ethics and STEM to middle and high school students. As co-founder of the Joint Service Academy Mass Atrocity Prevention Symposium, she has organized an annual conference at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Askew was the president of the Cultural Affairs Seminar in 2017 and a high school YoungLife leader for West Point youth. Askew plans to commission as an Engineer officer in May 2018. At Oxford, she will read for a Master of Science in Evidence-Based Social Intervention.

Marshall

Joy Schaeffer is a 2018 Marshall Scholar. She studies international history and French while training to be an Army officer. She enjoys studying French colonialism and national memory and plans to write her senior thesis on Vietnamese post-colonial memory of World War I. Passionate

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about building teams and realizing potential, Schaeffer has enjoyed training new cadets in Cadet Basic Training, overseeing the development of 27 cadets as platoon sergeant, and leading the worship band in the Officer's Christian Fellowship. She enjoys marathon running, singing in the West Point Glee Club, playing piano and learning about other cultures. Schaeffer also loves speaking French and studied for a semester abroad at the French Military Academy. She will commission as a Military Intelligence officer in May 2018, and will pursue master's degrees at King's College London and the London School of Economics and Political Science as a Marshall Scholar.

More scholarship information will be released as academy officials are notified.

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