USMA announces new Academic Dean

By the U.S. Military Academy Media Relations

President Obama has nominated Col. Cindy Jebb to be the U.S. Military Academy’s next Dean of the Academic Board, making her the first woman to hold this position in West Point history.

“I want to congratulate Cindy on her nomination for appointment to brigadier general and assignment as the U.S. Military Academy’s Dean of the Academic Board,” Acting Secretary of the Army Patrick Murphy said. “Upon confirmation, Cindy’s stellar academic record and military leadership will be instrumental in the future development of cadets. This is a historic time for our military and I’m excited for West Point to have its first woman to hold this position.”

Jebb currently serves as professor and head of the Department of Social Sciences and will replace Brig. Gen. Tim Trainor when he retires in June.

“I am honored to have been nominated to serve as the Dean of West Point. Should Congress confirm my nomination, I will be privileged to lead a team of professionals who are dedicated to academic excellence in support of our mission to graduate leaders of character,” Jebb said. “I would be honored to join Lt. Gen. Caslen’s command team and build upon the legacy of Brig. Gen. Trainor and the distinguished group of deans before him.”

The Academy will bid farewell this summer to Trainor, who has served as dean since 2010.

“I am extremely happy for the Army, the Academy and most of all for our cadets to hear about Col. Jebb’s nomination,” Trainor said. “She has a wealth of experience, and a breadth and depth of perspective on the needs of the Army and on higher education.”

According to Superintendent Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, Jr., Jebb will continue to lead the U.S. Military Academy in the academic and character development of our cadets.

“As one of our department heads, she is an integral member of the team, involved in so much of what makes West Point the pre-eminent leadership institution in the world,” Caslen said. “She’s revered amongst the faculty and cadets and we’re lucky to have her.”

A 1982 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Jebb received a Master of Arts in Political Science and Ph.D. in Political Science, both from Duke University, and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

Jebb has authored and co-authored three books, conducted human security research in Africa, and completed study projects in Iraq, Djibouti and Afghanistan.

Jebb has been head of the Department of Social Sciences since 2013.

She is married to her classmate, Joel Jebb, Ph.D., and they have three children.

Dear USMA Staff and Faculty,

It is with great pleasure that I share today’s historic announcement. Today (April 29), the Senate received a nomination signed by the President of the United States, for Col. Cindy Jebb to be appointed to Brigadier General and assigned as the next U.S. Military Academy Dean of the Academic Board, making her the first woman to be nominated for this position.

While announcing this nomination, it is also important to note that we here at West Point are not assuming nor will we assume confirmation.

As you may know, this weekend (April 29-30), West Point is celebrating 40 years of women at West Point with a conference we call Athena’s Arena. This morning, during my address to the audience, I displayed a collage of women who graduated and discussed their notable accomplishments.

When I went to the next slide with only Col. Cindy Jebb’s picture and made the statement that the President nominated her to be the next Dean, the audience reacted with a standing ovation. Unfortunately, Col. Jebb wasn’t there to see it as she was in her class teaching.

Cindy Jebb is currently serving as Professor and Head of the Social Sciences Department and will replace Brig. Gen. Trainor when he retires in June. Trainor has been an outstanding Dean who has served with distinction and honor as our Dean since 2010. He will be greatly missed. The Academy will celebrate his service and farewell this summer.

As Department Head of the Social Sciences Department, Col. Jebb has been an integral member of the West Point team, and involved in so much of what makes West Point the pre-eminent leader development institution in the World.

She’s revered among the faculty and cadets and if she’s confirmed, she will pick up exactly where Brig. Gen. Trainor left off, and we’ll be very fortunate for her service. Congratulations, Col. Jebb! Beat Navy!

Superintendent

(Editor’s note: The Superintendent’s letter is kept in the context of when it was sent out April 29 to keep it relevant to the moment.)

Clark selected as Senior Enlisted Leader of U.S. Forces in Afghanistan

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Vito Bryant
U.S. Military Academy PAO

The U.S. Military Academy congratulates Command Sgt. Maj. David M. Clark on his selection to be the next Senior Enlisted Leader of U.S. Forces in Afghanistan.

“I am truly humbled to be selected as the next Senior Enlisted Leader of Resolute Support and U.S. Forces in Afghanistan,” Clark said. “When I began my career more than 30 years ago, I simply wanted to serve. Now I’m preparing to serve alongside Gen. Nicholson with our allies in Afghanistan.”

Clark will assume responsibility for NATO’s Resolute Support mission, which is comprised of over 12,000 troops from 39 nations.

“Sgt. Maj. Clark has been an invaluable part of the USMA leadership team throughout this past year, as well as a trusted advisor on whom I’ve relied a great deal,” Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, Jr., U.S. Military Academy Superintendent, said. “With more than three decades of leadership experience in many challenging assignments and seven combat deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, four of them as a command sergeant major, he is absolutely the right person for the job.”

Clark came to West Point from Fort Carson where he was the Command Sergeant Major of the 4th Infantry Division.

“I’ve often thought of the Academy as a laboratory for leadership,” Clark said, reflecting upon his time at West Point. “Even though I’ve been here for more than a year, I am continually impressed by the quality of the leaders that West Point produces and sends to lead the formations in our great profession of arms.

“I’m very confident in their abilities to make things happen when they matter most and I look forward to serving with them in the operational Army,” Clark concluded.
Grads in Space

Class of 2019 cadets had the opportunity to speak via video teleconference with retired Cols. Jeff Williams (USMA Class of 1980) and Tim Kopra (USMA Class of 1985) of the International Space Station Monday in Robinson Auditorium. The cadets asked the astronauts a wide range of questions from math and science to laundry and football during the 30-minute interaction. At the end of the teleconference, the plebes performed “The Rocket” with the grads.

West Point Cadets earn prestigious scholarships

By U.S. Military Academy Media Relations

Several U.S. Military Academy cadets have been selected to receive prestigious scholarships allowing for continued academic study following graduation and commissioning in May. The cadets received the following:

Churchill scholarship
• Lisa Jones, from Chandler, Arizona, has been selected for a Churchill scholarship. She will study pure mathematics at the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England.

Fulbright scholarship
• Michael Auten, from Hickory, North Carolina, won a Fulbright scholarship for study and research as a U.S. student to study economics at the Kiev School of Economics in Kiev, Ukraine.
• Colby Hyde, from Eagle, Idaho, received a study and research grant Fulbright to study agricultural economics at Taiwan National University, Taipei, Taiwan. He plans to research vertical farming.
• Amos Lee, from Bridgewater, New Jersey, has received a Fulbright National Chengchi University Award. He will major in Asia-Pacific studies with a concentration on international political economy and cross strait relations at National Chengchi University in Taipei, Taiwan.

Marshall scholarship
• Ian Mauldin, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, has earned a Marshall scholarship to study applicable mathematics at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He intends to broaden his cultural experiences while developing analytic problem-solving abilities while in the UK.

Mitchell scholarship
• Megan McNulty, from Centreville, Virginia, received a George Mitchell scholarship and will complete a one-year master’s program in international development at the University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland.

Schwarzman scholarship
Three cadets have been selected as members of the inaugural class of Schwarzman scholars and will study at Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University in Beijing, all plan to earn a master’s degree in public policy.
They are Joseph Broderick of Columbia, Maryland; Regina Parker of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and Alex Parra of Tucson, Arizona.
In total, U.S. Military Academy cadets have earned more than 25 scholarships.
Inspiring next generation to serve and sacrifice

The Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic sponsored the 11th annual Inspiration to Serve Cemetery Tour April 28 to help prepare the Class of 2018 (yearlings), who are halfway through their education before the class formally commits to the Profession of Arms in the Affirmation Ceremony Aug. 14.

"Many cadets are shocked when they hear loved ones talk about their spouse or classmate," Col. Scott Halstead, director of the SCPME, said. "Part of that is because they are in a cemetery. The tour is the single most impactful program we have because it connects the yearlings to the selfless service of the Long Gray Line."

The tour also allows the yearlings to hear stories of remarkable Soldiers who preceded them as they consider their future role as officers.

Their opportunity to reflect on the Profession of Arms is intensified when they write their thoughts on paper, which is then submitted to their tactical officer.

"It’s about character, competence and commitment," David Jones, chair for character development at SCPME, said as he spoke to the yearlings.

"As you hear the stories, reflect on your own preparation, your own experience at West Point and your future journey leading Soldiers in the best Army in the World," Jones said. "There is no bigger honor and no bigger responsibility. Because in the end, it really is about being fully prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of being an officer in the Army. I am confident you will be ready."

The Class of 1968, the 50-year affiliate class to the Class of 2018, presented eight of their fallen classmates, most killed in action in Vietnam and most within a year of each other.

"So many cadets are sons and daughters of classmates," Class of 1968 graduate and one of the presenters Dutch Hostler said. "I think this is a terrific idea. It is intended as an opportunity for cadets midway in their cadet career to see if this is right for them. It reaches across the generations to connect them with the Long Gray Line. It’s also an opportunity for them to see examples of selfless service worth emulating."

Class of 1968 USMA graduate Mike Brennan, the 50-year affiliate to the Class of 2018, relayed anecdotes of his classmate, Capt. Richard Hawley Jr., pulled during his years as a cadet to yearlings during the annual Inspiration to Serve Cemetery Tour. Hawley was killed in action May 6, 1970 in Vietnam. Hawley used to come to the cemetery as much as he could to remember the "less-renowned and how those men, in their selfless service, had given us the right and the choice to grow in freedom."

Class of 1968 graduate Mike Brennan, the 50-year affiliate to the Class of 2018, relayed anecdotes of his classmate, Capt. Richard Hawley Jr., killed in action May 6, 1970 in Vietnam.

"This is the first time I presented at the cemetery tour," Brennan said. "We have some kind of memorial service for fallen classmates every two years. Two years ago, we held a reunion at the Wall of Remembrance in Washington D.C. This is like a mini reunion and 26 of my classmates are active either as presenters, mentors or escorts."

As the cadets completed the tour, the Class of 1968 spoke about sharing the legacies of those Soldiers who have passed before them, those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in fulfillment of their duty.

And one day, someone will honor them in the same way and share their legacy, as they are writing that legacy now.

(Editor’s note: Hawley Jr. was posthumously promoted to captain.)
Thousands of Scouts descend to West Point for Camporee

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Roughly 260 Boy and Girl Scout troops, scoutmasters and parents, totaling around 6,500 people, attended the 54th West Point Invitational Scout Camporee April 29-May 1 at Lake Frederick.

The Camporee is sponsored by the Academy’s Scoutmasters Council, established in 1961 as an official cadet club that enabled cadets to continue their participation (in and association) with scouting while at the Academy. At the time, nearly half of the Corps of Cadets were Eagle Scouts. Nearly 300 cadets volunteered to participate in this year’s Camporee.

“The Camporee is one of the biggest community outreach events we have all year,” Class of 2016 Cadet Cade Ricker, commander of the SMC said. “The farthest troop that travelled is a troop from California.

“We have 16 competitive sites and most of the exercises are diluted versions of summer training,” Ricker noted.

Ricker said he has volunteered for the Camporee every year he has been a cadet.

“I was never a Boy Scout, I just signed up one year and enjoyed it my first year and I’ve been doing it all four years,” Ricker said.

Since the West Point Camporee moved from Stilwell Lake to Lake Frederick in 1963, the annual West Point Invitational Scout Camporee included members of the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America and BSA Venturing Crews across the nation. Venturing crews are co-ed.

Ten cadet clubs also volunteered for the Camporee including the West Point Cadet Pipe and Drums team who gave demonstrations and tasked the scouts with hay tossing and the caber toss, which is tossing a long and heavy pole as far as you can. Generally, the pole is made of Larch wood and stands 19 feet high. The one used was slightly lighter.

The Cadet Drill team also showed scouts drill maneuvers and the Pipe and Drums team demonstrated Scottish and Irish music and dance.

“It’s nice to see all the different troops who are here,” Janice Digiaimo, advisor to Venture Crew Troop 26 from Totowa, New Jersey, said. “We are impressed with the large groups here. The parachute team was cool with smoke that looked like it was coming from their shoes. We are a co-ed group and have three girls and a boy.”

Scout Master and Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop 728, Kevin Karlson from Manhattan has been a scout nearly all his life and this is his first time at the Camporee.

“I started as a Cub Scout and went from there,” Karlson said. “I’ve never been here before and five out of the eight people in my troop never got to go here before, but it is what I expected it to be, it’s impressive.”

The Zodiac was a popular event where scouts competed rowing to a point in Lake Frederick and back. The display with the M240B weapon was equally popular and scouts were permitted to handle them.

“This is a lot of fun,” Jacob Gartgruber, a scout from Troop 191 in Huntington County, New Jersey, said. “I was here when I was just beginning scouting, but it’s more fun now that I’m older.”

The scouts kept busy with cadet-inspired competitions like crawling under barb wire (tape or cloth) with a cadet while a loud speaker kept reminding the scouts, “do not touch my line,” and running with full five gallon water canisters, carrying someone on their back, climbing the Ranger wall, learning how to start fires without matches or a lighter and learning how to fly fish.

At the end of the day, scouts were tired in their tents, but looked forward to the closing ceremony where they received awards for the best competitive troop.

Scouts run a short distance carrying five gallons of water during the 54th annual West Point Invitational Scout Camporee April 29-May 1 at Lake Frederick. Roughly 260 scout troops attended, translating into about 6,500 people, including parents and scoutmasters.

One of the more popular stations was the weapons display at the 54th annual West Point Invitational Scout Camporee April 29-May 1 at Lake Frederick. Scouts enjoyed handling the M240B weapons along with competitions like setting a fire without matches or lighters, crawling over the Ranger wall, painting camouflage on their faces and carrying someone over their shoulder or in a cot.
2015-16 Cadet Club Activities

**Crew:** Army West Point Crew competed in the 25th New York State Collegiate Rowing Championships and won the NYSC in Saratoga Springs, New York, April 30. On a perfect day for rowing, the cadets proved to be the strongest team in the competition against 26 other collegiate programs from across the state of New York.

In the best showing in Army Crew history, the West Point crew teams won seven gold and two silver medals, capturing the Sanford All-Points Trophy for only the second time since the trophy was first awarded in 1989.

The Varsity Men’s Eight set the tone for the day with a convincing win in their opening heat, followed by an open-water victory over the Grand Final field later that afternoon. They defended their title, won for the first time in 2015, and defeated strong varsity programs from RIT, Ithaca, Marist, Hamilton and Skidmore.

The winning boat was coxed by Cadet Jake Menges and powered by Cadets Steve Martin, Dave Grossman, Jon Gilbertson, Dru Milke, Ross Downum, Chris Wagner, Charlie Toch and Winston Park as the stroke.

The Women’s Varsity continued their successful season with the best finish for an Army Varsity Women’s Eight in school history, taking Silver against an all-NCAA field, behind top-ranked Ithaca, but ahead of talented programs from RIT, Canisius, Hamilton, and Marist.

The silver medal boat was coxed by Team Commodore, Cadet Jordan Duran, and rowed by Cadets Madeline Carlson, Catherine Browning, Simone Askew, Emma Spell, Sara Beougher, Maria Blom and Anne Reidinger and stroke Shena Cousens.

The JV Eight completed the Varsity Men’s sweep of the Eights events with a 4.2-second win over RIT, Ithaca, Marist, St. Lawrence and Geneseo. The gold medal boat was coxed by Cadet Michael Huang, and rowed by Cadets Will Cooperider, Eric Danielson, Ethan Grogan, Jefferson Wilkes, Pat Riley, Nathan Townsend and John Brooks and stroke Brad Wagner.

The Varsity Men’s and Women’s Fours both finished second in their qualifying heats to advance to the Grand Finals in their events, finishing sixth and fourth, respectively, and accumulating valuable points toward the overall team trophy.

The novice boats were next to row, led by the Novice Men’s Eight cruising to a commanding 12.7-second win over the Grand Final field including RIT, St. Lawrence, Union, Rochester and Rensselaer.

The gold medal boat was coxed by Cadet Chris Tanega, and rowed by Cadets Ben Count, Jacob O’Neill, Brad Rossignol, Richard Lancaster, David Rapp, Grant Hall and stroke Brian Curtin.

The Novice Women’s Eight continued their three-week winning streak with the largest Eight’s victory of the day, a 16-second win over two Ithaca boats, St. Lawrence, Hamilton and RIT.

The gold medal boat was coxed by Cadet Xiao Pfohman, and rowed by Cadets Mary Bahr, Lauren Hudak, Natalie Nepa, Hannah Makuch, Hannah Wentland, Lauren Pile, Maggie Gleason and stroke Amanda Kuruc.

The novice team next sent three Fours to the Grand Finals—two Novice Men’s entries and one Novice Women’s shell.

The Novice Men’s first boat took gold, crossing the line more than 26 seconds ahead of the field. The Men’s second novice entry finished in fifth.

The Novice women rowed a strong race to finish in the Silver medal position, just 3.4 seconds behind the winning boat from Rochester.

The gold medal Novice Men’s boat was coxed by Cadet Sam Norman, and powered by Cadets Matt Eden, William Born, Dan Schell, and stroke Nicholas Roth.

The Varsity and Novice Men combined to field a Men’s Open Four, again finding gold finishing 2.9 seconds ahead of the next closest competitor.

The gold medal boat was coxed by Sydney Volenec, and rowed by Aedan Gould, Gavin Hoffman, Eric Kelly and Charles Speer.

The final gold medal of the day went to the Varsity Women’s Pair in a finals-only race, marking the second year in a row that Army Crew won the event. The winning crew of Cadets Emma Hanna and Jordan Bray finished 7.7 seconds ahead of the Hamilton and Rochester crews.

In the end, Army Crew finished with 140 points, 18 points ahead of perennial winner, Ithaca, taking the points trophy back to West Point for the first time since 2006.
Projects Day: The culmination of academic work

Story by Michelle Eberhart
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Class of 2016 cadets proudly displayed their capstone projects throughout the academic buildings of the U.S. Military Academy April 28. After two semesters and hundreds of hours of hard work, senior cadets could finally unveil the projects that they had worked on all year.

At the beginning of the first semester, cadets are able to develop a research project that allows the opportunity to pursue a research topic through a thesis or capstone project or expand on the practical experience that they may have gained on an Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD) that may be sponsored by external organizations. Some of these projects are meant to identify the needs of the Army, the Department of Defense, federal agencies and others are cadets’ personal ideas.

“Projects Day is an academic day where all the departments allow their projects and their sponsors, as well as alumni to come together and present research that’s come out of capstone projects, AIADs, and independent research projects,” said Dr. Elizabeth Velilla, the assistant dean for the Institute for Innovation and Development and the Director of Research Operations, said. “It’s basically a day where you have people that are coming from all over the country to highlight the things that they’re doing.”

One way to highlight the advances that cadets have made throughout the semester is the Scott R. Clark Innovation Award.

“There is a criteria for the Scott Clark Award, it has to be an innovative project that directly benefits the warfighter, so it has to be something that is going to improve their life and it’s something that the Soldier could use at all times,” Velilla said. “It has to be very unique, we try to make sure that it hasn’t been rehashed several times over.”

Projects were submitted by each department and critiqued by a panel of judges. The winner will be announced Friday (May 6).

“I think the biggest takeaway would be how much that we do at West Point just benefits all of the Army, because often times when people look at the Academy, they just think of cadets in the classroom,” Velilla said. “It’s so important to be able to take what you’re doing in the classroom, in the lab, and be able to push it out to the big Army to let them know what technology is out there. That, I think, is so special.”

The Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering took over the Kimsey Center, exhibiting projects ranging from concrete canoes to an aviation wash rack.

Col. Fred Myer, the deputy department head, says the cadets have been working hard.

“This sort of project gives a cadet or cadet team the opportunity to take on an individual project with some challenges and things that they have to solve, and it gives them, really, a wide open space to figure out how to solve a problem then how to propose a solution to meet the client’s need,” Myer said.

Myer worked with cadets on two different projects, one being the SIP-Hut 5.0, a project he’s worked on with senior cadets for the past five years.

Class of 2016 Cadet Jeremy Matsumoto was one of the cadets who worked on the project.

“The SIP-Hut is basically insulated panels to replace the barracks hut that the Army uses today,” Matsumoto said of the hut that is 75 percent more energy efficient than the typical barracks. “It’s rapidly deployable and rapidly deconstructed, so we can construct it in less than four hours and de-construct it in less than four hours, as opposed to a barracks hut which takes up to ten times the amount of time to construct.”

Matsumoto estimates that he and his teammates worked about 300 hours each for the project, but learned a lot throughout the process.

“I think the biggest takeaway is that we don’t know the ‘supposed to be’ right way, we don’t know the way things are done and because of that you have a lot of different ideas coming out of here,” Matsumoto said. “Every now and then you have new innovative ideas that can really be implemented.”

Col. Joseph Hanus agrees.

“The greatest benefit our cadets get is that they get a team-based design experience with an open-ended problem,” Hanus, an academy professor in Civil Engineering, said. “There is no one answer, they have to tackle it from all the things they’ve learned up until now, so it’s a culminating event that challenges them.”

Hanus noted that these cadets are tackling real-world problems as they work for customers or companies throughout the course of their projects.

“It’s unlike any other course they might take, it’s not a course, it’s an experience,” Hanus continued. “It’s probably the most realistic environment we can create at the institution.”

Cadet Caleb McNeill’s group was sponsored by the U.S. Army Natick Soldier RD&E Center (NSRDEC) and they also had advisors from the Army Research Labs.

“Our project redistributes the weight of body armor from the shoulders to the hips and the Army has a problem with lower back issues from increasingly heavy loads on Soldiers’ shoulders,” McNeill explained. “So what our project aims to do is re-distribute that weight from the shoulders to the hips and bypass the lower back and hopefully reduce energy consumption.”

McNeill and his team will have their final meeting with NSRDEC in May and will also be competing in a presentation at MIT.

Cadet Tom Grady and his team had some hands-on experience building a concrete canoe for their term-end project. After finishing their project, the group competed in a regional competition where they raced their boats.

Last year when we were juniors, there was a group of us that got together and we decided that we wanted to work on a project together and we knew this would be a project that was kind of fun to do,” Grady said. “It was something new that we really enjoyed.”

Unlike some groups, Grady’s team had no sponsors and had to learn how to meet deadlines while operating independently.

“All the materials and everything that we have here, we ordered through our system and kind of just made them on our own,” Grady said. “I learned a lot about scheduling and to front-load as much as possible.”

“This is the last step and especially now that we got our brief and presentation done, I’m ready to graduate!” he said.

In Jefferson Hall, the Systems Engineering Department held a conference for Project’s Day. They invited students from other academic institutions to compete against cadets in 10 tracks.

“We have a large contingent of other universities coming to this and these groups are competing against our cadets in several different tracks,” Dr. Kenneth McDonald of the Systems Engineering Department said. “Those presentations that are in that track compete against each other for best presentation or best-
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in-track award.”

McDonald says the conference is unique from other departments because it allows the cadets to see what students from other schools have been working on as well. He also said it’s been rewarding watching the seniors grow throughout the year.

“You have all these different agencies and all these corporations in industry and they give you a project and the project itself ends up being a real-world problem,” McDonald said. “So, all of a sudden, it becomes real, (the cadets) need to mature intellectually and mature in regard to their own confidence in themselves through this process.”

McDonald also mentioned that he is impressed by the high caliber projects produced by cadets throughout the Academy.

“I know there are tremendously great projects throughout, I think every department has strengths and produces great work, that’s what I love about the Academy,” he said. “In the projects you see the results of years of hard work and you end up seeing a difference in the cadets as they prepare to graduate, they have produced something of great relevance and is the culmination of some hard, hard work.”

Head of the Department of Systems Engineering, Col. Rob Kewely, explained that Projects Day allows cadets to solve real-life problems that they don’t have access to in a classroom setting.

“It’s a chance to culminate that yearlong experience,” Kewely said. “A lot of these cadets are briefing the clients who sponsored these particular projects who are per chance going to take those projects back into their own organization and use them for the Army or DOD or we even do some for industry. They learn how to overcome adversity,” Kewely continued. “As an instructor, this day is really rewarding.”

*Dan Park, Computer Science

Project: My team is project VR-Awesome, Virtual Reality Goggles

What we did: “We were tasked with developing capabilities for West Point and the Army and just exploring the technology in general for follow-on groups to actually make a product and just developing technology in the realm of virtual reality… Where we hope to take this in the future is, historical applications like virtual immersive staff rides where you can have everyone in a virtual environment together, living through a battle instead of just watching it on a map or a screen, or a terrain walks together for military science.”

What I learned: “You learn really how to work in a team, to set forth goals, and to allocate efforts to come together in a culminating experience that will amount to a final end product for everyone. I think it’s more realistic in terms of developing you for real like application as well as professional development.”

*Averi Jolly, Engineering Management

Project: Recruiting high performing New York City minority students to West Point

What we did: “We looked at the problem of when you look outside of West Point or look at the statistics, mainly the Corps is composed of white male students coming from high income families. So what we wanted to do is figure out how we can get the minority students to West Point, so people from low income families, females and ethnicities other than Caucasian. So it’s a problem because if you look at the Army, we’re not representing our constituents that we’re fighting for, so we’re not representing their ideas, so there’s a lack of trust, so we’re trying to close that gap.”

What I learned: “I’ve definitely learned how to speak in front of people. Also, working with a partner, so we worked with the Superintendent, he’s our stakeholder. So working alongside someone and using their goals to our project is a huge advantage to me.”

For more photos from Projects Day, visit https://www.flickr.com/photos/west_point_albums/72157667630104016.
The U.S. Military Academy hosted the 10th annual Mike Krzyzewski Award for Excellence in Teaching Character Through Sport Awards at the Cadet Mess Hall April 29. Named after the 1969 USMA graduate affectionately known as Coach K, the award recognizes West Point athletes and coaches (sports educators) for their outstanding commitment to the development of noble character through athletic participation and leadership. While Krzyzewski wasn’t there to honor the awardees, Superintendent Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, Jr., presented the awardees with their medals. The awards are given to an athlete and coach in each sport category within the Corps of Cadets—Corps Squad, Competitive Club and Company Athletics. The 2016 recipients were Class of 2016 Cadet Kasey McCravey (Corps Squad, Women’s Softball), Class of 2016 Cadet James Haworth (Competitive Club, Powerlifting), Class of 2016 Cadet Hyun Suek Kim (Company Athletics, Functional Fitness), Brian Watts (Corps Squad, Men’s Golf), Maj. Renee Ramsey (Competitive Club, Women’s Team Handball) and Capt. Michael Tiffany (Company Athletics, Functional Fitness). The photo also included finalists Dustin Fulkerson and Dawes Strickler (coaches) and Class of 2016 Cadet Matthew Coughlan and Class of 2017 Cadet Jason Viyar (athletes). Watts’ daughter, Madeline (third from left), accepted his award.
WPAOG names Browne new president and CEO

By the West Point Association of Graduates Press Release

The West Point Association of Graduates (WPAOG) Board of Directors is pleased to announce that retired Army Col. Todd Browne, USMA Class of 1985, has been named WPAOG’s new president and CEO.

Browne has served as the Association’s Chief Operating Officer since 2014. He succeeds retired Army Col. Robert L. “Bob” McClure, USMA Class of 1976, the Association’s President and CEO since 2007, who will retire from WPAOG June 30.

West Point Association of Graduates Board Chairman retired Army Lt. Gen. Larry R. Jordan, USMA Class of 1968, said, “Since Bob’s retirement plans were announced last August, the Board of Directors of the West Point Association of Graduates has been engaged in an intensive search to identify his successor. The Search Committee evaluated nearly 40 qualified candidates, and the final decision was challenging, as each possessed notable strengths and abilities.

“We believe that Todd Browne is superbly prepared for the responsibilities of leading the Association of Graduates and will be able to step in and be effective immediately,” Jordan added. “With his two decades of experience at West Point, serving in Admissions, on the faculty, as Director of Academy Advancement and recently as Chief Operating Officer of WPAOG, he understands all facets of the Academy and its graduates.”

“I am honored to be selected as the next President and CEO,” Browne said. “I look forward to leading the Association in service to West Point and the Long Gray Line. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to lead the WPAOG team of professionals and volunteers as we launch our strategic plan for the next five years and prepare to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Association of Graduates in 2019.”

Prior to joining WPAOG in 2014, Browne served 29 years in the Army, retiring as a colonel. He was commissioned in the Field Artillery and later became a comptroller, serving in a number of financial management positions in the United States and Europe.

He has extensive experience at West Point, having served as the Admissions Executive Officer, an instructor in the Department of Social Sciences, and as the Director of Academy Advancement, a position on the Superintendent’s staff responsible for alumni support, private giving programs, gift fund management and privately funded construction.

Browne’s professional career and volunteer service span nearly 20 years of experience engaging West Point graduates, friends, parents and Academy staff and faculty.

He has served as President and Treasurer of the USMA Class of 1985 and chaired their 20th Reunion Gift fundraising campaign.

Browne graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics, and holds an MBA from Cornell University’s Johnson Graduate School of Management.

Retired Army Col. Todd Browne, USMA Class of 1985, has been named West Point Association of Graduates new president and CEO. PHOTO PROVIDED
AOG hosts Athena’s Arena Conference, commemorates 40 years of women

The Association of Graduates hosted the second Athena’s Arena Conference with Academy graduates, distinguished guests and scholars commemorating 40 years of women at the U.S. Military Academy April 28-30. The theme of the conference is Athena's Arena: Women Strong! Inspire, Lead and Empower.

The first Athena Arena was held shortly after females were first admitted to West Point in 1976, when 119 women reported for Reception Day and 62 women graduated in 1980.

Guest speakers for the event included retired four-star Gen. Ann Dunwoody, the first woman to reach the rank; Capt. Kristen Griest (USMA Class of 2011) and 1st Lt. Shaye Haver (USMA Class of 2012), two of three females who earned the Ranger Tab and the first women to do so. The third was Maj. Lisa Jaster, USMA Class of 2000, and first female reservist. Griest will become the first female Infantry Officer.

Dunwoody came from a family of West Point graduates and military service. Her father, grandfather, great-grandfather all are West Point graduates. She, however, had no interest at first, on joining the military. She wanted to become a physical education teacher or coach.

During the two years of military service, Dunwoody became a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps and learned to jump from airplanes.

"After the two years were up, I remember telling my dad, I like being a Soldier, I like leading Soldiers, and I am going to stay as long as I enjoy what I am doing and make a difference, and that's what I try to do from job to job," she said.

Dunwoody spoke about an Army that has higher standards than the average profession. “My joining the military, back in 1975 as a female, I just assumed that I would have to assume the standards in order to be accepted into the ranks, and that is what I try to do,” Dunwoody said. “But, what I realized along my journey, all the good leaders I looked up to, all the good leaders I worked with held themselves to a higher standard, and encouraged their subordinates to do the same.”

Dunwoody also spoke about what it takes to be a leader with two important thoughts on standards.

“Never walk by a mistake,” Dunwoody said. “If you do, you just met a new low standard. Diversity is not about race or gender; it is about leveraging the power of diversity of thought. The military needs the best and brightest.”

Retired Gen. Ann Dunwoody (right) speaks at the second 40-year Athena’s Arena: Women Strong conference at Eisenhower Hall April 29. Dunwoody is the first female to attain the rank of four-star general. The Athena conference was initiated in 1976 with the first females entered the military academies, including West Point. Many female graduates attended the conference.
#USMA Social Scene

Instagram & twitter: @westpoint_usma
facebook.com/westpointusma

michael.hawkins1028: Mom, I invented something cool

abward22: Who knew bunnies and berets could make your day?

gقارmywestpoint: Women’s Soccer Adopts a New Teammate Through the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation #West Point #USMA #GoArmy #Army

commandant.usmilitaryacademy: West Point’s Athena’s Arena Conference: CPT Shaye Haver, MAJ Lisa Jaster and CPT Kristen Griest deliver the final remarks at the luncheon on Saturday. They communicated what motivated them to attempt Ranger School and ultimately persevere to earn their tabs. Well done! Go Army! #twitter #wpw40
FEATURED ITEM

WPSC Gift Shop
The West Point Spouse’s Club Gift shop has a few extra openings in May. The May dates and hours are:
- Wednesday—10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- May 13—11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- May 18—Closed
- May 20—11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- May 25—10 a.m.-5 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Answer to Cancer
Bike for a future immune to cancer with the Cancer Research Institute’s “Answer to Cancer” fundraiser event.
Join the Institute June 25 for a unique cycling journey that kicks off with a special military procession through the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and continues through the challenging terrain of the Lower Hudson Valley.
Highlights of the 25-, 50- or 100-mile route options include a breathtaking view at the scenic Storm King Highway.
All event proceeds will support lifesaving cancer immunotherapy research.
Opportunities are available for riders or volunteers. Visit www.a2c.org to learn more and register.

West Point Chapter of Excellence Sergeant Audie Murphy Club
The West Point Chapter of Excellence Sergeant Audie Murphy Club has SAMC monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. The SAMC monthly meeting takes place at Washington Hall Room 4101.
For details, contact SMAC President Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Evans at 254-575-9817 or Secretary Sgt. 1st Class Cinnamon Chambers at 909-562-5924.

EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS

FAST Class
Raise your GT score with the Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST) class at the Army Education Center, 683 Buckner Loop (next to Subway), from May 23-June 13.
The class meets 12:30-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.
Contact Nancy Judd at 938-3464 or nancy.judd@usma.edu or Neil Sakumoto at 938-5389 for an enrollment form.

Army Education Center
College courses are offered through the Army Education Center at West Point.
Undergraduate classes:
- Mount Saint Mary College—Call Shari Seidule at 845-446-0535 or email Sharon.Seidule@msmc.edu;
- Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Erica Rodriguez at 845-446-2555 or email ERodrigu@stac.edu.
Graduate studies:
- John Jay College of Criminal Justice–Master’s Degree in Public Administration—Call Jennifer Heiney at 845-446-5959 or email jheiney@jcas.edu;
- Long Island University–Master’s Degrees in School Counseling, Mental Health Counseling and Marriage and Family Counseling—Call Mary Beth Leggett at 845-446-3818 or email marybeth.leggett@liu.edu.
The Army Education Center is located at 683 Buckner Loop (between Starbucks and Subway).

Army Personnel Testing programs
The Army Education Center at West Point offers Army Personnel Testing (APT) programs such as the AFCT, DLAB, DLPT, SIFT through the DA and DLI.

Employee Assistance Program
West Point Garrison offers an Employee Assistance Program that is a free and confidential counseling for civilians, family members and retirees.
The program offers services from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. The EAP is located at 656 Eichelberger Road.
For details, call 938-1039.

DANTES testing
The Army Education Center at West Point offers academic testing programs through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) such as the SAT and ACT. Pearson VUE offers licensing and certification exams.
Most tests are free of charge to Soldiers.
Call the Testing Center at 938-3360 or email gwenn.wallace@usma.edu for details or an appointment.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

Nature Museum offers Guided Mother’s Day Nature Hike
The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum is offering a guided Mother’s Day Nature Hike at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Outdoor Discovery Center, on Muser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road, Cornwall.
Join Environmental Educator Carl Heitmuller for a Mother’s Day morning of fresh air and sunshine on a guided woodland walk along the stroller friendly trails to seek out the sights and sounds of spring.
This event is for all ages. There is an admission fee.
For details, visit hhnm.org or call 845-534-5506, ext. x204.

Trophy flags from the end of the American Revolution on exhibit at the West Point Museum
Congress, in grateful recognition of the invaluable services of Gen. George Washington during the American Revolution, presented him with the first British flag captured in 1775 and one of the last surrendered flags from Yorktown in 1781.
These flags descended to Washington’s step-grandson and adopted son, George Washington Parke Custis.
Custis, the father-in-law of Robert E. Lee, maintained the flags and other relics of his stepfather in his estate in Arlington, Virginia. Custis called the flags the “Alpha and Omega” of the war.
The West Point Museum is open at no charge, seven days a week, from 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
For details, call 938-3590 or visit the Museum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WestPointMuseum.

SERGEANT AUDIE MURPHY CLUB

West Point Band presents Armed Forces Day Concert
The West Point Band will present a concert in honor of Armed Forces Day at 2 p.m. May 15 in Eisenhower Hall Theatre, honoring the dedicated servicemembers who protect our freedom. This concert is free and open to all. On Aug. 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force days. Join the West Point Band under the baton of its commander, Lt. Col. Andrew J. Esch, in coming together to thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. For concert information, cancellations and updates, call 845-938-2617 or visit www.westpointband.com. West Point Band news can also be found by following the Band on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.
FEATURED EVENT

West Point 5K/10K
Registration for the West Point 5K/10K on Saturday is now open. Search keywords “West Point 5K/10K” on Active.com to sign-up.
For details, call 845-938-4890.

2016 Arts & Crafts Summer Art Camp
West Point Arts & Crafts is gearing up for the 2016 Summer Art Camp. This year’s theme is “Artopia,” and it is encouraged for the campers to Explore, Inspire and Create through a variety of artistic mediums and experiences.
Each week will culminate with an Art Show put on by our campers to showcase their talents.
Camp dates are June 14-17, June 21-24, July 19-22 and July 26-29. The camp will run Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday.
Registration must be in person and is on a first-come, first-served basis as space is limited. Payment is due at time of registration.
Call 845-938-4892 for more information.

Superintendent’s Golf Scramble
Join Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, Jr. Tuesday for the Superintendent’s Golf Scramble. Check in begins at 11:30 a.m. with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.
There is a fee associated with this event (fee includes cart, prizes and dinner).
For details, call the Pro Shop at 845-938-2435.

BOSS Six Flags Trip
Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will be going to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey June 4.
Vans will be departing the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion at 8 a.m. and returning approximately at 10 p.m.
There is a minimal fee for the trip and includes transportation and park ticket. Payment is due by May 31.
For details, contact Courtney Chidgey at 845-938-6497.

FOR THE ADULTS

Military Spouse Appreciation Day
Celebrate Military Spouse Appreciation Day from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday at the West Point Club for special savings at lunch.

With your purchase of a full-price lunch meal, your military spouse dines half price. For details, call 938-5120.

Practice with the Golf Pro
Come out to the West Point Golf Course for practice with Andy Crane, PGA golf pro, and let him help you improve your game. Saturday practice runs from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, May 14, 21 and 28. Sunday practice runs from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday and May 22.
To register, call the Pro Shop at 845-938-2435.

2016 Army Emergency Relief Campaign
For the past 74 Years, Army Emergency Relief (AER) has made a difference in enhancing the readiness and relieving the distress of Soldiers and their families by providing $1.7 billion in needed financial assistance.

Through May 15 is the annual “AER Fund Campaign” at West Point.

Our goal this year is to raise $28,000, which will go toward emergency assistance for Soldiers, retirees and Army families (cadets for emergency travel while on emergency leave.)

The campaign theme, “Never Leave a Soldier Behind,” carries the solemn and enduring promise of Soldiers Helping Soldiers—Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.”

For information on how to provide a donation, call Sa’eed Mustafa at 845-938-0636 or email saeed.mustafa@usma.edu.

MWR Summer Softball League sign-ups
The MWR Sports Office will conduct the 2016 Intramural Summer Softball League sign-ups.

The league is open to all USMA personnel 18 years of age and older.
Games will be played at the H-Lot softball fields, behind the Shopette near Stony Lonesome, starting May 31 and will run approximately through Aug. 10.
Games are played 6-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday with possible make-up dates on Thursdays.

Deadline for team entries will be May 16.
For more information, contact James McGuinness at 938-3066 or by e-mail at jim.mcguinness@usma.edu.

ACS ERP Spring Class
Do you know about all the preferences given to transitioning military members, veterans and military spouses?

Attend the Employment Readiness Program’s Military Spouse Preference Information Session from 9:30-11:30 a.m. May 17.

The class will cover all the preferences for which you might be eligible, what they mean during the application process, and how to utilize the preferences.

Classes are held at ACS, Bldg. 622.
For details, call or email to reserve your seat at 845-938-5658 or anne.marshall@usma.edu.

Leisure Travel Services May events
Join Leisure Travel Services for the Broadway performance of Aladdin for the May 19 show. Leave West Point at 4 p.m., leave NYC after the show.
See the famous Bronx Zoo or the NY Botanical Gardens on May 25. Leave West Point at 9 a.m., leave NYC at 3:30 p.m.

For ticket pricing and reservations, call 938-3601.

ACS ERP Résumé Open Houses
Stop by the Employment Readiness Program at ACS, Bldg. 622 anytime on May 25 or June 7 to have your résumé reviewed, to prep for an interview, to practice your ‘elevator speech’ or just to see what the program can offer the jobseeker.

No RSVP or appointment needed, doors are open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
For details, call or email to reserve your seat at 845-938-5658 or anne.marshall@usma.edu.

Discover Outdoor Recreation’s Paintball facility at West Point
MWR’s Outdoor Recreation multi-field paintball facility is the perfect setting for birthday parties, department team building and family outings.

It can host functions from 10-50 people, food and drink included in packages.
For details, email odrwpmwr@usma.edu or call 938-0123.

FOR THE FAMILIES

Kids’ Fishing Derby
Presented by MWR and West Point Bass Club, the Kids’ Fishing Derby will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 14 at the Round Pond Recreation Area.
The Derby is open to all ages 5-15 who are residents of West Point, Stewart, Town of Highlands or a child of a West Point employee.

There is a minimal charge for this event, which includes lunch. It is free for families of deployed Soldiers. Register by calling 938-2503.

School Age Center Summer Camp
The School Age Center offers weekly summer camp programming for children in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade.
The West Point SAC provides a variety of experiences for children through planned and developmentally appropriate activities and experiences that promote learning and exploration.
Weekly sessions begin June 6 and run through Aug. 29.
For details, contact Erin Faherty, SAC Director, at 938-0086 or Jacquelyn Butler, SAC Assistant Director, at 938-0089.

Morgan Farm Summer Riding Camps
Morgan Farm is offering three-day and five-day summer riding camps for kids ages 5 and up. No prior experience necessary. There is a 10 percent discount to families of deployed Soldiers.
For details, call 938-3926 or email westpointmwr.com/morgan.

Become a Family Child Care Provider
Family Child Care is a great opportunity for those who want to stay home with their children.
You can become a certified provider and supplement your family’s income by caring for children in your home.
For details, contact Erin Faherty, Family Child Care director, at erin.faherty@usma.edu or call 938-0086.

FOR THE YOUTHS

Morgan Farm Memorial Day Weekend Special
Need a place to board your pet for the holiday weekend? Get four days of boarding for the price of three.
Drop off your pet on May 27 and pick up on May 31.
For details or to make reservations, call 938-3926.

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Keller Corner

Keller offers Childbirth Education Classes

Keller Army Community Hospital will be offering Childbirth Education Courses during the months of May, June and August. There will be no classes offered in July.

Topics include, but are not limited to, what to expect during labor, newborn care and breastfeeding.

The May sessions are scheduled for 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and May 18. The June and August sessions will be all-day courses, scheduled for 8 a.m.-4 p.m. June 18 and Aug. 13.

For more information and/or to arrange a seat for the classes, contact Keller’s Obstetrics Unit at 938-3210.

Physical Therapy “Sick Call” for Active Duty and Family Members and Retirees

Active duty members, their dependents and retirees will be able to see a Physical Therapist (PT), at Keller, for musculo-skeletal injuries on a walk-in basis at 7:30 a.m.

The intent of the program is for members of the West Point community who sustain new injuries to be able to quickly receive an evaluation, diagnosis and plan of care as soon as possible and without the need for a referral.

Research suggests that the sooner people with certain types of injuries see a PT, the sooner they recover.

This time is not intended for chronic conditions that have been ongoing for weeks or months.

For these more chronic conditions, routine appointments can be made (also with or without referral) by calling 938-3324.

PT sick call will be held Monday through Friday, at 7:30 a.m., except on federal and training holidays, and periodically as announced.

MOBILES at MAHAN

The movie schedule was not updated by press time.

(The movie details and updates schedules, visit www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/West-Point-1044343.)

West Point Command Channel Channels 8/23

For the week of May 5-12

Army Newswatch

Thursday, Friday and Monday-May 12

8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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• Take a Book, Leave a Book: West Point Family Homes will be hosting a “Take a Book, Leave a Book,” open house from 1-4:30 p.m. Monday at 126 Washington Road to start our new lending library.

Residents are encouraged to bring in their “already enjoyed” books. Don’t have any books? Come pick some anyway.

• Take a Book, Leave a Book: Join WPFF at 4:30 p.m. May 13 for the movie showing of “Home” at 126 Washington Road.

To register, email jgellman@bbcgrp.com by Tuesday. Space is limited.

• Tuesday Mornings with Marcela: “Tuesday Mornings with Marcela” is geared to children ages 1-5 and their parents. Marcela will lead attendees in musical play and movement. The class is from 9:30-11 a.m. May 17 at 126 Washington Road.

To register, email jgellman@bbcgrp.com by Tuesday with age of child attending.

• Yard of the Month: WPFF will be choosing one home every month from May-September with yards that are well kept and stand out from the rest.

In order for a yard to be judged it must be nominated.

You can email nominations to jgellman@bbcgrp.com by the 25th of each month.
Men's Lacrosse falls to Loyola in PL title game

By Matt Faulkner
Army Athletic Communications

Second-seeded and 10th-ranked Loyola jumped out to a 6-2 lead at the end of the first quarter and earned the Patriot League Championship with a 14-6 win over the Army West Point Men's Lacrosse on Sunday afternoon at Navy-Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis, Maryland.

Army (10-6) made the championship game for the second-straight year after beating Navy in the semifinals. The six goals scored by the Black Knights were from six different goal scorers.

Senior attackman Connor Cook, freshman attackman Nate Jones and sophomore midfielder Ted Glesener finished with two points each with a goal and an assist apiece. Junior attackman Cole Johnson extended his point streak to 35 games with a goal.

Freshman goaltender AJ Barretto stopped five shots in the loss.

Loyola (12-3) got an impressive effort from rookie Pat Spencer with 10 points on five goals and five assists. The 10 points ties the Patriot League record for points in a tournament game with 10 points. Will Sands of Bucknell did it in this year's tournament as well. Classmate Jake Stover finished the day with 10 saves.

"Congratulations to Charlie Toomey, his staff and the whole Loyola team," said Army head coach Joe Alberici. "I thought they were terrific again today. I don't know what they were like at the beginning of the year, but they were good enough to beat Johns Hopkins and Virginia, but I know two of the best performances this year were against Army."

The game started fast for the Black Knights with junior midfielder Dan Grabher scoring eight seconds in, but Loyola finished the first quarter with six of the final seven goals and had a 6-2 lead at the end of one.

Sophomore midfielder David Symmes found the net for Army for the second time in the tournament for the Black Knights' other goal in the frame.

The Greyhounds were able to keep the lead at 7-4 going into the break, but Army sliced the lead down by one with goals from Glesener and Johnson. Johnson scored during a man-up situation with an assist to Nate Jones, while Glesener scored on a bomb from 15 yards out with a helper from Cook. Spencer led the way for Loyola with four points on two goals and two assists.

Loyola came out scored the first four goals of the third quarter and began to pull away. Spencer, Herreweyers, Sherlock and Jay Drapeau were the four to score for the Greyhounds.

Cook netted his 24th of the season to stop the run, but Spencer tallied the hat trick to finish the scoring in the third quarter with Loyola leading 12-5. Spencer added another goal in the fourth quarter for his ninth point of the game to make it 13-5.

Women's Rugby captures NIRA 7s Championship

By Stephen Waldman
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Women's Rugby team captured the 2016 National Intercollegiate Rugby Association 7s championship with a 15-12 victory over AIC April 30 at the Anderson Rugby Complex.

"Being on our home turf definitely helped, but I think it dawned upon the firsties that this was going to be their last match in an Army uniform," head coach Bill LeClerc said. "It meant a lot to them to finish on a strong note in the spring 7s season."

This was Army's second-consecutive 7s championship after taking the ACRA crown last season.

The day started with a 36-5 victory over Dartmouth with junior Kirsten Redmon and senior Chioma Odocha leading the way with two tries each. Freshman Zye Crittenning and sophomore Becca Stipp also contributed tries, while senior Lindy Clark added four points from two conversions. Senior Kaelleigh Warfield scored two points with a conversion.

The Black Knights then blanked their service academy rival, Navy, 31-0. Clark led the scoring effort in game two with 11 points, while Odocha contributed 10.

Freshman Mackenzie Garner and freshman Taylor Jessop also contributed a try in the match. Army ended pool play with a 17-10 victory over Harvard.

Clark scored a game-high seven points, while Redmon and senior Mariah Caid-Loos each scored a try. Army faced Brown in the semifinals, taking a 32-10 decision. Redmon was the team's leading scorer in the match with 10 points with four other Cadets scoring tries.

The championship match pitted the Black Knights against AIC who had beaten Army in the previous three meetings. Army jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead with a try from Odocha. The Yellow Jackets responded with a try and conversion of their own to take a 7-5 lead before Redmon dotted down to retake the lead, 10-7. AIC would respond once more in the back-and-forth match between the two heavyweights to take a 12-10 advantage.

With time winding down, Odocha managed to slip past the defense and score the game-winning try to clinch the championship victory.

Odocha and Redmon both scored a team-high 30 points on the day, with Clark following closely behind with 27. Garner and Stipp each added two tries, while junior Tranelle Patterson, Jessop, Crittenning and Caid-Loos each dotted down once.

Senior midfielder Shea Mullins notched one of Army’s goals during the Black Knights’ 14-6 loss to Loyola Sunday at Navy-Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis, Md.

Senior midfielder Shea Mullins got the Black Knights on the board for the second time in the final half with his seventh of the year to cut the lead to 13-6. Spencer closed out the scoring with his 10th point of the game and his fifth goal and Loyola won the title with a 14-6 victory.

Cook, Johnson and senior defenseeman Sam Finney were voted onto the Patriot League All-Tournament Team. Graham Savio of Loyola was selected as the Tournament's Most Valuable Player.
Army West Point Golf wins Patriot League title

By Ally Keirn
Army Athletic Communications

With a 22-stroke advantage, the Army West Point Golf team won the Patriot League title Sunday in Annapolis, Maryland with sophomore Dean Sakata clinching the individual title by nine strokes.

Three Black Knights placed in the top five and all six cadets finished in the top 30.

Army not only wins the league title, but also qualifies for the NCAA Regional Tournament.

“We got off to a nice start and that was key to early in the round,” head coach Brian Watts said. “We talked about hole locations and being patient heading into today as we knew par was going to be a good number. I am extremely proud of how the team fought through the elements and stayed patient. They didn't allow anything to keep them from what was in front of them and that was the next shot. We talked about focusing on the next shot and staying tuned into the target.”

The win marks the 11th Patriot League title for the Army West Point Golf program and the second under head coach Watts’ tenure.

Watts was named the Coach of the Year for the second time of his career at Army.

Sakata is the 10th Black Knight in program history to bear the Men’s Golfer of the Year title.

As a team the Black Knights totaled 284-284-282—850 (-2) to outpace the field by 22 strokes. Navy was the next-best finisher with a 20-over score with Loyola rounding out the top-three with 876 strokes.

Army’s team score of 850 was the second-lowest under the current scoring format at the Patriot League Championship, topped only by the Black Knights’ mark of 847 in 2002.

The 22-stroke victory was the fourth biggest in league championship history and the team score of 850 was the second-lowest under the current scoring format, topped only by the Black Knights’ mark of 847 in 2002.

The Black Knights won the title in part because of an outstanding individual effort by Sakata, who ran away from the field to claim first place and Golfer of the Year distinction with an 11-under 202, the lowest score in the history of the Patriot League Championship.

Sakata shot 66-69-67, and had the best round in the field in both Saturday morning’s session and again on Sunday.

No other golfer in the field shot under 70 in more than one round.

“Dean was phenomenal all weekend long,” Watts said. “Mentally he has been in a great place and it was nice to see him put three great rounds of golf together. Overall, it has been a great team effort all year and I know everyone couldn’t play in the championships, but everyone who is a part of the team played a vital role in the success of the program.”

Junior Peter Kim was Army’s next-best finisher in the fourth position with 212 (-2) strokes at one-over par.

Senior Marcus Plunkett finished the weekend in the tie for fifth spot with rounds of 74-71-70—215 (-1).

Sakata, Kim and Plunkett all achieved first team All-Patriot League honors.

Senior Eric Peng finished tied for 17th with an eight-over score of 226, while junior Justin Pagila (229) and freshman Matt Plunkett (232) placed tied for 21st and tied for 28th, respectively.

Sakata led the field in par-four and par-five chances as well as birdies with 15. Kim averaged 2.78 strokes on par-three holes to lead the competition and also added 11 birdies.

The team champion receives the Patriot League’s automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals and the date and location will be announced at a later date.

“Our goal this year was to make it to the NCAA’s, and it is great to see the hard work and commitment to our mission pay off,” Watts added. “We look forward to finding out where we will be going for the regionals.”
Men’s Tennis defeats Navy to win PL title

By Joshua Gleason
Army Athletic Communications

A remarkably close contest for the Army West Point Men’s Tennis team against Navy fittingly came down to a third set tiebreaker in the fifth singles flight Sunday in the Patriot League Championship in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The Black Knights avenged a loss to the Midshipmen from eight days ago as junior Kyle Barnes won 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 (7-4) in the decisive match to claim a 4-3 win and the program’s seventh league title.

“It was an exciting match,” Army head coach Jim Poling said. “It’s always fun to play and compete against Navy. I thought we competed hard and it was a great match, one of the best matches we’ve played in a while.”

Barnes had three opportunities at match point before winning in the third set tiebreaker.

“He was a grinder.”

Freshman David Mitchell earned Tournament MVP honors. The IMG Academy product went 3-0 in the third singles flight including overcoming a first set loss today to even the championship match at 2-2. Mitchell ultimately won 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.

The Black Knights took a brief lead after that. Junior Grant Riechmann, playing against his former high school classmate Thomas Pecor in the second singles position, had to fight through another grueling three set match. Riechmann won 7-6 (7-2), 4-6, 7-5.

Navy would tie the match back up at 3-3 with a win in the sixth singles slot before Barnes’ win to take the match. The Black Knights other victory came from sophomore Michael Nguyen who won 6-1, 1-6, 6-3 in the fourth flight.

Army West Point Softball defeats Navy to win PL title

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The Army West Point Softball team picked up two non-conference wins April 30 with a sweep over Manhattan at the Army Softball Complex. The Black Knights shut out the Jaspers 5-0 in game one before downing them 3-2 in the second game of the doubleheader.

The Black Knights reached win 33 today to mark just the second time in program history that a team has done so in the regular season. Army amassed 35 regular season wins back in 2012 and finished the year with a 37-21 record.

“Today had a few people on the left side playing out of their normal positions,” head coach Michelle DePoalo said. “We settled in nicely as the day went on and saw some tremendous plays from that side. I think it speaks volumes of our pitching a defense when we can have several miscues, even in the same inning, and still get a shutout.”

Army took an early 3-0 lead over the Jaspers in the first inning. Freshman left fielder Mae Wadyka was walked as the lead-off hitter before senior shortstop Kasey McCravey laced a single up the middle to put the Black Knights into scoring position. Sophomore first baseman Emily Gray was next up to bat and hit a deep single to right center field which allowed Wadyka to round the bases and find home. Freshman catcher Maddie Kim and hit a deep single to right center field which allowed Wadyka to round the bases and find home. Freshman catcher Maddie Kim to Gaff.

Gray scored to put Army ahead 3-0.

In the top of the seventh, freshman pitcher Renee Poirier hit a floater to left field and added two RBI as McCravey and Wadyka to Gaff advanced to second. Both scored off a sacrifice fly by Wadyka to give Army the lead. McCravey reached first on a single to the short stop. Junior带来了胜利 on second, McCravey into scoring position. An RBI single by Gray up the middle pushed McCravey home to give Army the lead.

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No runs were scored for the next four and a half innings by either team until the home half of the sixth when a bizarre play accrued two runs for the Black Knights. Sophomore Taylor Gaff was walked as a pinch hitter for the Cadets, but the Jaspers made an attempt to tag junior pinch runner Tyler McKinney, but overthrew first. McKinney took advantage and ran home all the way from first base as Gaff advanced to second.

Sophomore Hailey Megge then subbed in as the pinch runner in scoring position and scored off a sacrifice fly by Wadyka to clinch the game with a 5-0 win. Junior pitcher Caroline Smith won the game and recorded the shutout with three strikeouts for her 11th win of the season.

In game two, the Black Knights got on top early with a 1-0 lead. McCravey reached first on a single to the short stop. Junior second baseman Alee Rashenskas then singled to left field to push McCravey into scoring position. An RBI single by Gray up the middle pushed McCravey home to give Army the lead.

The Jaspers tallied their first run of the day in the top of the third after taking advantage of a Black Knights error. This tied the second game 1-1 before the Black Knights took a 2-1 lead in the fourth with a bases loaded walk.

However, Manhattan did not go quietly and tacked on another tying run in the top of the fifth fueled by a one-run homer to the scoreboard by Jenn Vasquez. Army snapped the tie in the home half of the inning when Smith hit a sacrifice fly allowing Gray to cross home plate to put the Black Knights up 3-2.

In the top of the seventh, freshman pitcher Renee Poirier stepped to the mound in relief for junior pitcher Kristen West. The Jaspers had two on with one out, but the Black Knights got out of the jam after a double play sequence from Rashenskas to McCravey to Gaff.

Army won the game 3-2 with West as the winning pitcher to pick up her 14th of the year, and Poirier as the savior with her 10th.

Sports calendar

Corps Squad

Saturday
1 p.m.—Softball vs. Lafayette (DH), Army Softball Complex.

Sunday
1 p.m.—Softball vs. Lafayette, Army Softball Complex.

**To see the upcoming Army West Point Black Knights Schedule in April and May, visit www.goarmywestpoint.com/calendar.aspx?VType=List.**