# Echoes of Duty: The West Point Beacon

CELEBRATING TRADITION, INSPIRING FUTURES



#### GREETINGS, WEST POINT COMMUNITY!

What a joy it is to come together and celebrate the incredible spirit of camaraderie and excellence that defines our West Point family. Our recent Founders Day and LEADS event were nothing short of exceptional, and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. With the Superintendent's presence gracing us and 21 outstanding cadets joining in, the atmosphere was electric with pride and tradition. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated, lending their energy and passion to make these moments truly unforgettable. And to our dedicated volunteers, your tireless efforts ensured that our events were nothing short of top-notch.

Curious to relive these moments? Dive into our collection of event photos <a href="here">here</a>.



Larry D. Smith USMA '62 Scholarship

In the spirit of nurturing future leaders, we're proud to announce the inauguration of the Larry D. Smith '62 Scholarship program. This year, we've had the privilege of awarding four deserving recipients from four different Title 1 high schools in our area with a scholarship of \$1500 each. Look at those bright smiles - such promising futures!

#### THERE'S SO MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO!

While our marquee events may have come to a close for the year, there's a wealth of experiences awaiting in the months ahead. This year, we introduced an All-Academy golf scramble - did you have the chance to participate? We're eager to hear your thoughts! Additionally, we're working on broadening our range of sporting events, building upon our tradition of securing the Presidential suite at the River Cats. For families, we're exploring expanding our fall picnic to include the other Academies and have things for younger families to enjoy. And let's not forget the highlight of the year - Army football! Let's cheer them on together: Beat Navy! Beat Air Force! Beat them All!

## Investing in Tomorrow's Leaders

Thanks to Jeff Scruggs, we've had the invaluable opportunity to sponsor airfare for a promising young man to attend West Point's Summer Leaders Experience. It's initiatives like these that embody our commitment to fostering leadership and excellence in the next generation. Peek into this momentous occasion through our captured memories



#### JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

As we reflect on our successes and look towards the future, we invite you to join us in our mission. Your support is instrumental in shaping the dreams and aspirations of aspiring leaders. If you haven't already, seize this opportunity to become a paying member of the West Point Society of Northern California. Remember, your contribution is not just an investment; it's a testament to the values and legacy we hold dear. Plus, your membership is tax-deductible! Together, we can continue to sponsor scholarships, host impactful events, and nurture the spirit of West Point for generations to come. Join <a href="here">here</a> or send in the attached membership form.



### The Long Gray Line of Us Stretches

Congratulations to Nha-Han Nguyen from Pleasant Grove High School for accepting an appointment to West Point! She'll be starting Beast soon...Would you do it again? Sign me up! (but I want my young body back!)

#### **ALL ACADEMY HAPPY HOURS**

Have you had the chance to join us for one of our Happy Hours yet? We've been thrilled by the response since we began rotating venues across the Greater Sacramento Area. It's been amazing to see such a diverse turnout, including our unexpected Coast Guard community joining in on the fun! Keep an eye on your inbox for details on our next location.



#### STAY CONNECTED

For the latest updates, news, and opportunities to get involved, follow us on social media and stay tuned to our newsletters. Let's keep the spirit of West Point burning bright!

Warm regards,

Tony Gates '81 President, West Point Society of Northern California

