

## GRADUATION AWARDS

### **Monterey Peninsula Council of the Navy League LCDR Tom Winant Highest Academic Achievement Award – MSgt David C. Nass, USMC**

This award is presented to a graduating United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, or National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration student who has maintained an outstanding academic record as exhibited by academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

### **Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies – Maj Eric Little, USAF**

This award is presented to a graduating U.S. military or civilian student in the Department of National Security Affairs for an outstanding thesis in Regional Security Studies based on quality of the thesis and outstanding service to the Armed Forces or the Department of Defense.

### **Marine Corps Association Superior Service Award for Outstanding U.S. Marine Student – Maj Brendan J. Chesley, USMC**

This award is presented to an outstanding student based on quality point rating, thesis, curricular, and extracurricular activities.

### **Air Force Association Award for Outstanding U.S. Air Force Student – Maj Joshua Dryden, USAF**

This award is based on outstanding service and is sponsored by the Monterey Chapter of the California Air Force Association.

### **Outstanding United States Air Force Graduate Award, Department of National Security Affairs – Capt Edward Florack, USAF**

This award is presented to an officer for overall scholarly achievement.

### **Naval Postgraduate School Superior Service Award – LT Julian Salmon, USN**

This award is based on superior contributions to the student body, professional community, and local Monterey area.

### **Naval Intelligence Foundation, Admiral Bobby Ray Inman Award for Excellence in Intelligence – LT Julian Salmon, USN**

This award is presented to an officer graduate in any curriculum who has advanced the awareness and knowledge of Naval Intelligence and assisted in development of related knowledge.

### **Association of the United States Army, General Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, Award for Outstanding Army Student – MAJ Kelley Y. Jhong, USA**

This award is presented to an Army student who has maintained an outstanding academic record as exhibited by academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

### **Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for International Students – CDR Milton Mendieta, Ecuadorean Navy**

This award is presented to a student who has exhibited outstanding academic achievement, conducted notable thesis research, maintained motivation and a serious interest in the community, and who has interacted well with other students in the interest of international alliance.

**Chief of Naval Operations Award for Excellence in Operations Research –  
CDR Milton Mendieta, Ecuadorean Navy**

This award is presented to a Navy or Marine Corps graduate based on academic achievement, experience tour performance, thesis work, and demonstration of those qualities, indicative of an outstanding military officer.

**Monterey Kiwanis Club Outstanding International Student Award –  
CDR Milton Mendieta, Ecuadorean Navy and Capt Nikolaos Vidalis, Hellenic Air Force**

This award is presented to two outstanding international students based on academic standing and achievement, and involvement in community affairs.

**International Student Award for Excellence in Regional or Security Studies –  
Assistant Superintendent Vah Hercules-Lambert, Royal Grenada Police Force**

This award is presented to an international military officer or civilian student for academic performance evaluated in terms of overall scholarly achievement.

**Surface Navy Association's Award for Excellence in Surface Warfare Research –  
LT Joshua Hudson, USN and LT Matthew Storm, USN**

This award is presented to a graduating student whose thesis topic and quality of supporting research demonstrate the greatest potential for contribution to the Surface Navy.

**Military Operations Research Society Stephen A. Tisdale Graduate Research Award –  
ENS Ethan Boone, USN**

This award is presented in recognition of outstanding achievement in graduate research directed toward improving military force utilization. The primary award criterion is research which leads to demonstration of or potential for increased operating effectiveness of currently available or near-term assets.

**Department of Defense Management Faculty Outstanding International Student Award –  
LCDR Robin Haller-Trost, Royal Australian Navy**

This award is presented to an outstanding international graduate based on academic achievement, thesis research, motivation, and community involvement.

**Meyer Award for Outstanding Student in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning) –  
Mr. Thomas Michael Buetow, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division and  
Mr. Larry D. Mannings, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Division Newport**

This award is presented to an outstanding Department of Defense graduate of each Distance Learning Systems Engineering degree program who has demonstrated superior academic performance.

**Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Defense Management –  
LT Luiz de Queiroz Alves, Brazilian Navy**

This award is presented to a Master of Business Administration student based on academic excellence, personal excellence, and contributions to the quality of the educational program, to fellow officers, and to the community.

**Captain David S. Bill, Jr., Leadership Award – LT Crystal Cornine, USN**

This award is presented to acknowledge faculty or student officers who have demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities. This recognition is intended to support the school's mission of promoting combat readiness.

**Pat Tillman Leadership Award – MAJ Meg Tucker, USA and MAJ Alex Wingate, USA**

This award is presented to acknowledge student officers who have distinguished themselves in Security Affairs in the Department of Defense Analysis.

**Foreign Area Officer Association Award for Excellence in International Affairs – Capt Brian Watson II, USAF**

This award recognizes students, who in the opinion of the National Security Affairs Department faculty, have distinguished themselves by outstanding thesis or major paper in international affairs, based on the quality of the research and overall scholarly achievement.

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Combat Systems – Maj Michael Jeffrey Wish, USMC**

This award is presented in recognition of distinguished scholastic achievement in Combat Systems Engineering. Selection is based on academic achievement, research excellence, and leadership potential.

**Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory Award for Excellence in Applied Physics Research – LT Nathan C. Redder, USN**

This Award is presented for outstanding research in applied physics that has the potential to positively impact future Navy and Marine Corps systems and operational capability.

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Systems Engineering – LCDR Christofer Fackrell, USN**

This award is presented in recognition of distinguished scholastic achievement in Systems Engineering.

**Chief of Naval Research Award for Excellence in Robotics and Autonomous Systems Research – LT Chase Smeeks, USN and LT Angelia O’Toole, USN**

This award is presented to two students, (1) from engineering and applied sciences and (1) from operational, informational, security, and management programs. This award recognizes the distinguished academic achievement of NPS Navy and Marine Corps students in the emerging field of Robotics and Autonomous Systems and Outstanding thesis research in those areas.

**Astronaut Michael J. Smith and Astronaut William C. McCool Astronautics Award – LT Angelia M. O’Toole, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding graduate of the Space Systems curricula based on overall academic excellence, applicable extra-curricular activities, and career potential.

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award in Naval/Mechanical Engineering – LT Bror E. Axelsson IV, USN**

Presented in recognition of distinguished academic achievement in the Naval/Mechanical Engineering Program.

**Naval Supply Systems Command Award for Academic Excellence – LCDR Ryan Cram, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding U.S. Naval Supply Corps officer in Systems Management based on academic achievement, research excellence, contribution to the professional and civilian community, and faculty recommendations.

**Conrad Scholar Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement in Financial Management – LCDR Michael Zecca, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding officer in the Financial Management community who has demonstrated academic excellence, presented a financial management essay for publication, and exhibited the potential for outstanding leadership.

**Department of the Navy Award for Academic Excellence in Financial Management – LCDR Michael Zecca, USN and LCDR Matthew Heidt, USN**

This award is presented to Financial Management students who demonstrates overall academic performance, academic excellence in financial management courses, high leadership potential, and future ability to contribute to professional, academic, and public forums while meeting the highest standards of stewardship of the National Trust and thesis excellence.

**CDR Philip A. Murphy-Sweet Memorial Award for Excellence in Acquisition – LCDR Faithann Hawkins, USN**

This award is presented to a graduating US Navy, US Marine Corps, or Department of the Navy civilian student who has demonstrated academic research and professional excellence in the Acquisition and Contract Management, Systems Acquisition Management, Contract Management, or Program Management curricula.

**RADM Donald R. Eaton Logistics Award for Outstanding Achievement – LCDR Francesco De Souza, Brazilian Navy and Maj Brian Harding, USMC**

This award is presented to a graduate of Materiel Logistics Management, Supply Chain Management, or Transportation Management curricula for academic achievement and contributions to logistics communities as demonstrated by scholastic excellence and thesis/project research.

**Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) Award for Academic Excellence – Capt Joshua Renick, USAF**

This award is presented to a military USAF or Department of the Air Force civilian in the Acquisition and Contract Management, Systems Acquisition Management, Contract Management, or Program Management curricula for academic achievement as demonstrated by scholastic excellence and thesis/project research.

**Distinguished Professor Kenneth J. Euske Dean’s Medal for Innovative Contribution to National Defense and the Department of Defense Management – 1st Lt Brittany Thompson, USAF**

This award is presented to a graduating student, or a team of up to four members, whose thesis or project is considered to present an innovative “potential” significant contribution to a National Defense issue or create a new competitive advantage.

**Fleet Cyber Command Award for Academic Achievement in Cyber Operations – SCPO Benjamin N. Shady, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding Cyber Systems and Operations, or Applied Cyber Operations graduate based on academic performance and thesis quality.

**Network Operations and Technology Outstanding Graduate Award – LT Brittany Laird, USN**

This award is presented to an outstanding Network Operations and Technology graduate based on academic performance, thesis quality and leadership potential.

**Jack J. Jensen Meteorology and Oceanography – LCDR Miguel Green, USN**

This award is presented to a U.S. or international student who has produced a thesis with notable academic rigor that has potential to provide new operational capabilities or techniques to the Meteorology and Oceanography Community.

**Oceanographer of the Navy Award for Outstanding Academic Performance in Meteorology and Oceanography – LCDR Stefanie Dressel, USN**

This award is presented to an Air-Ocean Sciences graduate with outstanding academic performance and exhibition of those qualities, indicative of an outstanding military officer.

## FACULTY AWARDS

**Military Officers Association of America Joint Service Warfare Award – Lt Col Michael Kwasnoski, USAF**

This award is presented to NPS military faculty members who have contributed most significantly to the study, implementation, and spirit of joint-service warfare.

**First Command Military Leadership Award – LCDR Stefanie Dressel, USN**

This award is presented to an active-duty military faculty or staff member at the Naval Postgraduate School, who, in the opinion of the next two graduating classes, contributed the most to the professional and military success of the graduates during their assignment at the Naval Postgraduate School.

**Meyer Award for Teaching Excellence in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning) – Professor Rama D. Gehris, Department of Systems Engineering; Lecturer Corina L. White, Department of Systems Engineering; and Prof Douglas Lee Van Bossuyt, Department of Systems Engineering**

This award is presented to an outstanding faculty member of each Distance Learning Systems Engineering degree program who is recognized by the students for teaching excellence and/or exceptional contributions to the students' overall learning experience.

**Carl E. and Jesse W. Menneken Annual Faculty Award for Excellence in Scientific Research –Significant and Sustained Contribution: Dr. Timour Radko, Department of Oceanography Highly Meritorious Research: Dr. Paul B. Lester, Department of Defense Management**

This award is presented to a Naval Postgraduate School faculty member who has exhibited outstanding research efforts in science and engineering.

**Louis D. Liskin Award for Teaching Excellence in the Department of Defense Management – Dr. Nick Dew**

This award is presented to a member of the faculty by popular vote from resident students in any of the Department of Defense Management curricula.

**LCDR David L. Williams Outstanding Professor Award – Dr. Cristiana Matei, Department of National Security Affairs**

This award is presented to the faculty member in the Department of International and Defense Studies who has demonstrated the greatest dedication to, and greatest impact on the learning and intellectual growth of students.



