

## GRADUATION AWARDS

### **Monterey Peninsula Council of the Navy League LCDR Tom Winant Highest Academic Achievement Award – LT Aubrey E. Jaicks, USN**

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.

### **Marine Corps Association Superior Service Award for Outstanding U.S. Marine Student – Maj Corban Pierce, USMC**

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

### **Naval Postgraduate School Superior Service Award – Maj Lori Campbell, USMC**

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

### **Association of the United States Army, General Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, Award for Outstanding Army Student – Capt Amy Scheumann, 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.

### **Air Force Association Award for Outstanding U.S. Air Force Student – CMSgt Aaron P. Drain, USAF**

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

### **Surface Navy Association's Award for Excellence in Surface Warfare Research – LT Scott Burbach, 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.

### **Network Operations and Technology Outstanding Graduate Award – LT Scott Burbach, USN**

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

### **Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for International Students – LTC Mathieu Couillard, Canadian Army**

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.

### **Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper Computer Science Award – LTC Mathieu Couillard, Canadian Army**

This award is presented in recognition of excellence in Computer Science to the graduate who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, thesis quality, and leadership ability.

**Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for Department of Defense Student – Ms. Erin Dotson, Department of the State**

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

**Foreign Area Officer Association Award for Excellence in International Affairs – Maj Curtis Smith, USMC**

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.

**Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies – Maj Shawn Bunting, USMC**

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.

**International Student Award for Excellence in Regional or Security Studies – LTC Nik Eickhoff, German Army and LTC Jochen-Andreas Moos, German Army**

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

**Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Defense Management – LT Matthew Arnott, USN**

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.

**Outstanding United States Air Force Graduate Award, Department of National Security Affairs – Maj Olivia McQuilkin, USAF**

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

**Department of Defense Management Faculty Outstanding International Student Award – MAJ Angelos Arampatzis, Hellenic Army and Capt Ygor de Almeida, Brazilian Air Force**

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

**NPS Foundation /U.S. Naval Institute Annual Essay Contest Award – LCDR Kenneth Walls, USN**

This award is jointly sponsored by the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation and the U.S. Naval Institute to encourage writing for publication and critical thinking among students, faculty, and staff. It is an annual award presented for a student, faculty, or staff member's essay based on thesis research or operational experience that best advances the military profession. The U.S. Naval Institute will publish the winning essay in the June issue of Proceedings magazine.

**The Tyler National Security Research Award – MAJ Daniel Gregorio, USA**

This award is presented to acknowledge outstanding academic excellence in the areas of innovation and collaboration at the Naval Postgraduate School. This recognition is intended to support the school's mission of promoting educational excellence.

**Military Operations Research Society Stephen A. Tisdale Graduate Research Award – Capt Ryan Helm, USMC**

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 the demonstration of or potential for increased operating effectiveness of currently available or near-term assets.

**Chief of Naval Operations Award for Excellence in Operations Research – Capt Austin Van Dellen, USMC**

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.

**Warren Randolph Church Award for Excellence in Mathematics – Maj Michael Wish, USMC**

This award is presented to a student in recognition of outstanding performance in mathematical courses. The student need not be a mathematics major, nor graduating at the time of presentation.

**Admiral William Adger Moffett Space Systems Award – LtCol Robert C. Debeheadto, USMC**

This award is presented to an outstanding graduate of the Space Systems curricula who has contributed to the application of emerging space technologies, overall academic excellence, extra-curricular activities, and career potential.

**Space Systems Operations Award for Academic Excellence – Maj Jonathan S. Kohler, USMC**

This award is presented to an outstanding student in Space Systems Operations based on quality point rating, thesis, academic achievement, and extra-curricular activities.

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Combat Systems – CPT Joseph L. Kalinka, USA**

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.

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award in Naval/Mechanical Engineering – LT Thomas Genito, USN**

This award is presented in recognition of distinguished academic achievement in the Naval/Mechanical Engineering Program.

**Oceanographer of the Navy Award for Outstanding Academic Performance in Meteorology and Oceanography – LCDR Kelsey Marie Rowe, USN**

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

**Naval Supply Systems Command Award for Academic Excellence – LCDR Joseph Macdonald, 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.

**Department of the Navy Award for Academic Excellence in Financial Management – LCDR Grant Strickland, USN; LT Sawyer Rogers, USN; ENS Haydn Tidball, USN; ENS Jacob Staples, 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.

**Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper Information Technology Management Award – Capt Adam Pollard , USMC**

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, thesis quality, and leadership ability.

**Commander George L. Phillips Modeling, Virtual Environments, and Simulation Award – CPT Jose Vazquez Duran, Mexican Army**

This award is presented to an outstanding graduate in MOVES who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, thesis quality, and leadership ability.

**CDR Philip A. Murphy-Sweet Memorial Award for Excellence in Acquisition – LCDR Ronald Parry, 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.

**Meyer Award for Outstanding Student in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning) – Mr. Luke John Loukas, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division**

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.

**RADM Donald R. Eaton Logistics Award for Outstanding Achievement – LCDR Matthew Higgins, USN**

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 – Mr. Eric W. Washburn, Branch Chief and Contracting Officer at Air Force Materiel Command**

This award is presented to a U.S. Air Force servicemember 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.

**Fleet Cyber Command Award for Academic Achievement in Cyber Operations – Maj Paul E. Baker, USA**

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

**Commander Naval Air Forces Award for Excellence in Aviation Warfare –  
ENS Richard Fetter, USN**

This award is presented to a resident-graduate, U.S. Naval Aviator, who has maintained an outstanding academic record and contributed significantly to Naval Aviation.

**Chief of Naval Research Award for Excellence in Robotics and Autonomous Systems  
Research – Capt Joseph Kelly, USMC and LT Justin Goff, USCG**

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.

## FACULTY AWARDS

**Military Officers Association of America Joint Service Warfare Award –  
CDR Kathleen Giles, USN**

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 – LT William Weldin, 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.

**Rear Admiral John Jay Schieffelin Award for Excellence in Teaching –  
Dr. Robert F. Mortlock, COL, USA (Ret.)**

This award recognizes faculty members, who, through wide consensus, excel as teachers. This consensus is ascertained through a ballot polling of students and graduates.

**Lieutenant Commander David L. Williams Outstanding Professor Award –  
Dr. Clay Moltz, National Security Affairs**

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

**Meyer Award for Teaching Excellence in Systems Engineering (Distance Learning) –  
Dr. Don Muehlbach, 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.



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