

GRADUATION AWARDS

Monterey Peninsula Council of the Navy League LCDR Tom Winant Highest Academic Achievement Award – LT Alexander Dumas, 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.

Admiral William Adger Moffett Space Systems Award – LCDR Hans Michael Lauzen, USN

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 – Capt Daniel Lim, 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

The Tyler National Security Research Award – LT Austin Dumas, USN; LCDR Hans Lauzen, USN; and Capt Daniel Lim, USMC

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.

Distinguished Professor Kenneth J. Euske Dean's Medal for Innovative Contribution to National Defense and the Department of Defense Management –

LT Austin Dumas, USN; LCDR Hans Lauzen, USN; and Capt Daniel Lim, USMC

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.

Chief of Naval Research Award for Excellence in Robotics and Autonomous Systems Research – Operation: LT Austin Dumas, USN, and Engineering: LCDR Josh Miner, 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.

Association of the United States Army, General Joseph W. Stilwell Chapter, Award for Outstanding Army Student – MAJ Eric Czaja, 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.

The Pat Tillman Award for Excellence in the Study of Irregular Warfare – Major Ian McAlpine, USA

Marine Corps Association Superior Service Award for Outstanding U.S. Marine Student – Maj John Fischer, 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 John Fischer, USMC

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

Air Force Association Award for Outstanding U.S. Air Force Student – SMSgt Gessica Lillich, USAF

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

Naval Postgraduate School Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for International Students – LCDR Benjamin Sverdrup, Norwegian Armed Forces

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.

Surface Navy Association's Award for Excellence in Surface Warfare Research – Lieutenant Commander Allison Hamel, USN and Lieutenant Daniel Smart, 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.

Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper Computer Science Award – LT Adam Schroeder, USN

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.

Military Operations Research Society Stephen A. Tisdale Graduate Research Award – Lt Col Christopher Bromley, 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

Commander Naval Air Forces Award for Excellence in Aviation Warfare – Lt Col Chistopher Bromley, USMC

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.

Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Regional Security Studies – Maj David James Engel, 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 Dennis Wartenberg, German Army

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

Outstanding United States Air Force Graduate Award, Department of National Security Affairs – Maj Jonathan Frank Mecham, USAF

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

John McReynolds Wozencraft Electrical and Computer Engineering Academic Honor Award – LCDR Filippos Filippou, Hellenic Navy

This award is presented for academic excellence and best demonstrated professional qualities in Electronics or Intelligence.

Department of Defense Management Faculty Outstanding International Student Award – CDR Sidney Bjoern Gottwald, German Navy

This award is presented to an outstanding international graduate based on academic

The Gary Laughlin Patriot Award – Maj Joshua Langham, USMC

The award is presented based on academic excellence, professionalism, leadership qualities, command potential, patriotism, and contributions to the quality of the educational program (to fellow officers and the community throughout the service career of the nominee).

Warren Randolph Church Award for Excellence in Mathematics – LCDR Scott Adams, USN

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

Chief of Naval Operations Award for Excellence in Operations Research – Maj Hannah Crawford, 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.

Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Combat Systems – LCDR Danica Marie Konyk, USN

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 – ENS Kallan John Stephens, 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.

Oceanographer of the Navy Award for Outstanding Academic Performance in Meteorology and Oceanography – LCDR Lindsey Darling, USN

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

Rear Admiral Thomas R. McClellan Award for Academic Excellence in the Department of Defense Management - Lt Col Sheila Gatinao, Philippine Air Force

This award is presented based upon academic performance, professional commitment, and leadership potential.

Naval Supply Systems Command Award for Academic Excellence in Management – LCDR Tristan Skinner, 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 Vinicius Wood da Cruz, Brazilian Navy

This award is presented to Financial Management students who demonstrate 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.

Louis D. Liskin Award for Excellence in Defense Management – CDR Ibrahim Youssouf Dabar, Djiboutian 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.

Conrad Scholar Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement in Financial Management - LT Rozel Torrence, USN, and LT Kenneth Jemielity, 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.

Army Acquisition Corps Award for Scholastic Achievement – Maj Braden Van Noy, USA, and Mar Chance Yost, USA

This award is presented to a graduating US Army Acquisition student who has exhibited outstanding academic excellence through academic achievement, thesis research, and leadership potential.

CDR Philip A. Murphy-Sweet Memorial Award for Excellence in Acquisition – Mr. Eric Ly, Mr. William Perdue, and Ms. Tania Teissonniere-Almodovar

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 Diego do Nascimento da Silva, Brazilian Navy, and LCDR Thiago Nascimento da Silva, Brazilian Navy

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 – Ms. Anna McCarthy

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.

Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Operations Research – MAJ JuHyung “Jay” Kim, USA

This award is presented to an outstanding U.S. Army student in the Operations Research Curriculum based on Academic Achievement, research excellence, experience tour performance, and military professionalism.

**Network Operations and Technology Outstanding Graduate Award –
CDR Matthew M. Morris, USN**

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

**Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper Information Technology Management Award –
Maj Frank Wleklinski, Jr., 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 – Maj Thomas Cecil, USMC

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

**Foreign Area Officer Association Award for Excellence in International Affairs –
Maj Robin Yi, USMC, and Capt Alexandre J. Shivnen, 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.

**NPS Foundation / U.S. Naval Institute Annual Essay Contest Award –
LCDR Hyokwon Jung, Korean Navy**

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.

**Fleet Cyber Command Award for Academic Achievement in Cyber Operations –
LT Nathan Twito, USN, and CPT Andrew Sill, USA**

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

**Naval Sea Systems Command Award in Naval/Mechanical Engineering –
LCDR Lacey L. Raschke, USN**

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

FACULTY/STAFF AWARDS

First Command Military Leadership Award – MAJ Neal MacDonald, USA

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.

Military Officers Association of America Joint Service Warfare Award – CAPT Chad Bollmann, 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.

Rear Admiral John Jay Schieffelin Award for Excellence in Teaching – Prof. Raluca Gera of the Applied Mathematics Department

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

Richard W. Hamming Faculty Award for Interdisciplinary Achievement – Prof. Mara Orescanin, Department of Oceanography

This award recognizes innovative accomplishments that support and enhance interdisciplinary activities. Such contributions might include creative course materials, effective mentoring of students, and research within interdisciplinary curricula. Favorable consideration will be given to efforts that involve NPS students in a collaborative manner and efforts that show evidence of having been particularly stimulated and nurtured by the NPS environment. Richard Hamming, a world-renowned scientist, was a faculty member of NPS.

Lieutenant Commander David L. Williams Outstanding Professor Award – Assist Prof. Aleksandar Matovski, 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.

Louis D. Liskin Award for Teaching Excellence in the Department of Defense Management – Kelley Poree, Lecturer, Department of Defense Management

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.