



WEST POINT ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES
THE SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL FUND



THE MARGIN OF EXCELLENCE

Private funding is critical to providing resources to the Academy to fill the gap between the core program supported by the federal government and the additional developmental programs that go beyond the core elements of a cadet's education and training to create the Margin of Excellence.

The **Superintendent's Annual Fund** is comprised of unrestricted gifts that strengthen every aspect of the Margin of Excellence. These opportunities help cadets develop to their highest potential and cannot be sustained with government funding.



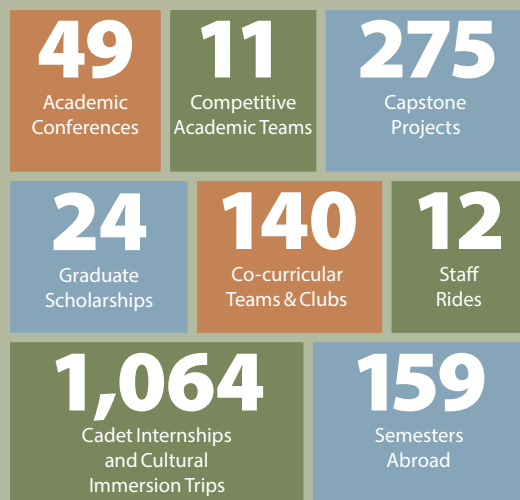
"Thank you. Your donations create countless opportunities for cadets to develop into fantastic leaders of character."

"I think it is extremely important for cadets to participate in trips abroad and internships while at West Point. After participating in both, I have had incredible experiences and met incredible people. Without these opportunities, my West Point experience would be much different."

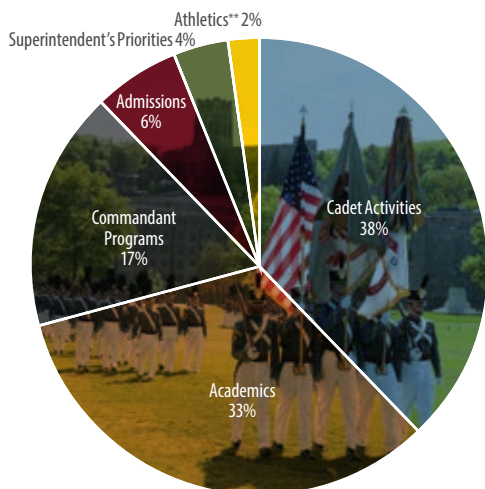
Cadet Spenser Copp '17 is majoring in military history with a nuclear engineering track. Through Margin of Excellence opportunities he has worked in Washington DC in research and strategic communications for a government contracting firm; traveled to Amsterdam and Kuwait with the Center for the Study of Civil-Military Operations; and as Cadet-in-Charge of the Cadet Community on Civil-Military Operations, led a club with over 300 members.

EVERY GIFT MAKES AN IMPACT

Gifts to the **Superintendent's Annual Fund** for the Margin of Excellence provided support for the following types of activities in 2016:



YOUR GIFTS IMPACT THE ENTIRE CORPS OF CADETS*



* Numbers are based on a five-year average to best represent annual distributions year to year.
 ** Unrestricted funding for athletics is primarily secured through gifts to Army A Club.

BECOME A LEADER—JOIN THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CIRCLE!

The Superintendent's Circle recognizes donors who make annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to the **Superintendent's Annual Fund** within the calendar year (January 1 – December 31). As a member of the Superintendent's Circle you will take a leading role in strengthening the **Margin of Excellence** and in sustaining West Point as a leader in all endeavors.



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