



# West Point Parents Fund Impact Report

The West Point Parents Fund supports all four pillars of the cadet experience at the Academy, from character to academic, physical to military. This impact report showcases the types of Margin of Excellence cadet activities your donations support at West Point. These are the additional programs, facilities, and opportunities the West Point Superintendent and other Academy leaders have determined are most important for preparing ethical and agile leaders of character. Thank you for all you do to enhance the cadet experience—an experience that will change the trajectory of these young men and women's lives.

## IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS (with 5-year average)

CADET ACTIVITIES	43%
ACADEMICS	41%
ATHLETICS	6%
ADMISSIONS	6%
COMMANDANT PROGRAMS	2%
GARRISON	2%

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### IMPACTING

# Character Experience

West Point is implementing a Comprehensive Character Development System for cadets within the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic (SCPME). Cadets who attend the Saratoga Battlefield Character retreat, hosted by SCPME, visit the Saratoga Battlefield and talk about the crucial role that leaders take tactically and culturally.



*This trip section showcased the importance of cultivating a culture of character.*



*The retreat provided multiple opportunities for character growth and reflection. This event allowed the group to not only bond, but also emphasized the importance of mindset and a leader's ability to motivate others in challenging physical situations.*



**CADET BRIANA PEOPLES '24**  
Simon Center for the Professional  
Military Ethic



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# Academic Experience

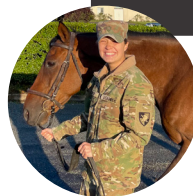


*The exposure to different military practices and doctrines has honed my strategic thinking and expanded my ability to collaborate with international counterparts.*

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West Point's Semester Abroad Program is considered an essential component of cadet leadership development and provides cadets with an authentic experience that no classroom can replicate. This program allows cadets to travel the world, perfecting their foreign language proficiency, increasing their cultural awareness, and gaining regional expertise to become more adaptive and effective leaders.

*This immersive program significantly improved my language proficiency and cross-cultural competency. By interacting with native speakers and immersing myself in France's linguistic and cultural nuances, my French language abilities have markedly improved—my Defense Language Proficiency Test and Oral Proficiency Interview scores are proof of success. I interacted with foreign military officers from over a dozen countries. This experience broadened my understanding and equipped me with the necessary skills to navigate diverse cultural landscapes effectively.*



**CADET MEGAN COOPER '25**  
Semester Abroad, L'École spéciale militaire  
de Saint-Cyr, France

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# Physical Experience



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*Learning to rise again after being thrown taught me resilience.*”

The Army West Point Judo Team empowers its members to become tenacious, moral, and competent competitors of character both on and off the mat. This program inspires physical fitness, Warrior Ethos, and builds teams significance; developing valuable future Army officers.

*My time in Judo at West Point has greatly enhanced my leadership skills and character. As a current leader, I pass on these lessons of perseverance and resilience to new members, helping to foster a culture of continuous improvement and strong character development.*



**CADET ANDREW MEDRANO '24**  
Army West Point Judo



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# Military Experience



*This study contributes to the mission of improving future training and effectiveness on the battlefield.*

The Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD) Program provides cadets opportunities to observe and implement military and academic concepts from their coursework. This cadet was selected to participate in the Naval Medical Research Center, studying the research question: “Does grip strength predict upper-body power capability in warfighters?”

*If a correlation exists between grip strength and upper-body power, the data could help leaders assess soldiers' endurance and sustainability. It could also better predict fatigue or future injuries. It could even impact rifle marksmanship, as there is evidence of a relationship between upper body strength and small-arms accuracy.*



**CADET LUKE BROWN '24**

Mechanical Engineering Independent  
Academic Research (CME-AEP)



## 2024 Superintendent's Circle Benefits

The Superintendent's Circle recognizes all donors who make annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Superintendent Annual Fund or West Point Parents Fund.

**Bronze** | *Annual donors of \$1,000 to \$2,499 or Young Gray Line donors (Classes of 2023 – 2013) of \$500 to \$999*

- Recognition in the Annual Report of Gifts

**Silver** | *Annual donors of \$2,500-\$4,999*

- Invitation to Donor Tribute Day, with exclusive access to Projects Day
- Invitation to Superintendent's Circle Weekend
- Seating in the Superintendent's Review Stands during the A Day and Family Weekend cadet parades

**Gold** | *Annual donors of \$5,000-\$9,999*

- Guided Rockbound Highland Home Tour
- Two tickets for preferred seating at Commencement (Parents Only)

**Platinum** | *Annual donors of \$10,000-\$24,999*

- Admission to one Superintendent's Tailgate before home Army Football game

**Diamond** | *Annual donors of \$25,000 or more*

- Admission to all Superintendent Tailgates before home Army Football games
- Plus all other benefits listed above



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