

To respond to growing requests from our graduates, the West Point Association of Graduates is investing in expanding and enhancing the West Point Entrepreneur Summit. First launched in 2017, the purpose of the Summit is to bring together graduate entrepreneurs, business leaders (CEO's/CXO's), and investors across the globe to create new opportunities for partnership and collaboration while creating long-term networking value across the Long Gray Line. West Point graduates' education, skills, and experience are unique in the civilian world. WPAOG is in the unique position to connect an entrepreneurial community who recognize the value and experience of the Long Gray Line.

The WPAOG West Point Entrepreneur Summit recently traveled to the West Coast for the first time, gathering over 170 USMA graduate entrepreneurs, business leaders, and investors in San Francisco. The two-day conference provided a space for alumni to collaborate and share different entrepreneurial practices, creating long-term networking value across the Long Gray Line. The keynote speaker for the summit was Anthony Noto '91, current CEO at SoFi and former COO of Twitter and CFO of the NFL. Dawn Halfaker '01 also hosted a lunch keynote, and France Hoang '95 and other graduates provided panels, fireside chats, and one-on-one mentorship sessions to attendees, increasing the group's educational value by welcoming a wide spectrum of thought and experiences.

This annual, award-winning event is mainly funded by charitable donations from grad owned businesses and continues to further WPAOG's Vision of being the most highly connected alumni body in the world. Whether someone attended to get advice on starting and funding a company, to share experiences, to scout investment opportunities or partnerships, or to volunteer their time and services, the WPAOG Entrepreneur Summit provides an environment in which everyone can benefit. And like other great entrepreneurial endeavors, the summit is looking to take it to the next level in the future.



"We saw a group of young entrepreneurs made up of service academy graduates, the quality of whom was greater than any of us, but they were not being valued by the investment community. ...we also agreed to mentor them, knowing that the leadership training they received at West Point and the skills they gained in the military made them better equipped and better prepared to run and grow a company than anybody else on the planet."

— Doug Doan, Class of 1979



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Entrepreneur Summit Fund	\$3 million
Entrepreneur Summit Endowment	\$3 million