Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. The Model Arab League will participate in the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relation’s annual Policymakers Conference in Washington, D.C. on October 23-24. During the conference, the eight participating Cadets will interact with senior U.S. and foreign leaders.

2. Semester Abroad Program (SAP) Cadets in France will join CPT Matthew Kalin for the West Point Society of Paris Luncheon at the French Ecole de Guerre in Paris, France on October 26.

3. On October 29, 17 Cadets from Intermediate and Advanced Persian will visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Persian Program Director, Dr. Amir Irani-Tehrani, will take the Cadets on a guided tour of the pre-Islamic and Islamic art collections that pertain to Iran and ancient Persian civilization.

4. CPT Jeremy Gardinier will lead four Chinese majors to Hawaii for participation in USARPAC’s annual Disaster Management Exchange with China’s People’s Liberation Army from November 17 to November 22. Cadets will engage in Chinese to facilitate table top and practical field exchanges to provide interaction between both armies focused on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

5. The Spanish Section continues to plan the execution of the Chilean Ambassadorial visit to USMA on November 28. The Chilean Ambassador will visit with the Superintendent and give a lecture during the Dean’s Hour. The section also continues to monitor current events in Chile and Spain as protests have caused civil instability. Currently, there are USMA Cadets at both the Escuela Militar (Chile) and Academia General Militar (Spain).

Top 3 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.

1. On October 8-13, the Spanish section and three Cadets, in support of the USMA Superintendent, participated in the 150th Anniversary of the Colegio Militar de la Nacion (CMN) in Buenos Aires, Argentina. As a result, the two military organizations will start a reciprocal Cadet semester exchange in August 2020. The Spanish section also coordinated Cadet participation in support of the Latin American Cooperation (USAF) visit. This was a Cadet-led event which pairs USMA Cadets with Cadets from Latin American countries for the purpose of sharing experiences and building relationships.
2. In the Chinese section, COL Eugene Gregory traveled to INDOM-PACOM and met with Deputy J5 as well as the Strategic Focus Group-China in support of DFL’s immersion programs, capstone, and collaborative research. CPT Jeremy Gardinier and seven SAP 20-1 Cadets traveled to Guangzhou, Xi’an and Beijing, China for intensive language and cultural immersion. In addition to visiting many historical and culturally rich sites, the group gained the most up-to-date critical insight into China through an official visit with the Army’s defense attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, COL David C. Menser, and the Assistant Army attaché, MAJ Jason Shafer.

3. On October 14-15, MAJ Eric Simpson attended the Clute Institute International Academic Conference on Education in Las Vegas, NV. Together with MAJ Jack Cooperman of EECS, MAJ Simpson presented the study “Vertical Writing Surfaces at West Point”, which was coauthored by COL Ray Kimball of FLICR and LTC Chris Fuhriman of G&ENE.

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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. On 5 NOV, at 1235-1350, the Department of English and Philosophy will be hosting Hugo Slim, the policy director of the International Committee of the Red Cross. He will be delivering a lecture to the Philosophy Forum, as well as cadets in PY325 and PY251, titled, “What’s the Difference? Humanitarian and Military Virtues Compared.” This event will take place in Thayer Hall, Rm. 144.

Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.

1. From 17-19 OCT, Dr. Tony McGowan attended a conference titled “Melville’s Measures” in Lille and Paris, France, where he read a paper examining several Napoleonic era paintings that were sources for Herman Melville as he drafted Billy Budd. The conference was the last in a series of international conferences held this year, the 200th anniversary of the author’s birth in 1819.

2. On 18 OCT, the Department of English and Philosophy hosted the Routledge Publishing’s Editorial Director, Anna Clarkson. She gave a talk in regard to academic publishing, as well as holding a series of 30-min. sessions with individual faculty about the publishing process.
3. On 22 OCT, the Department of English and Philosophy hosted the first Philosophy Forum of the Academic Year, a panel discussing “Protecting Cultural Heritage in War.” The panelists included Cultural Resources Manager and Army Archaeologist Laurie Rush, the Director of the Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace at Stockholm University, Professor Helen Frowe, and Philosopher Derek Matravers who specializes in the Philosophy of Art. The Speech and Parliamentary Debate team competed at the University of Pennsylvania debate tournament this past weekend. This multi-day tournament was lengthy and tested the team’s resolve and stamina, but the team overcame to perform well, winning rounds against several schools within the circuit. Topics included foreign and domestic policy, economic and social issues, and a litany of other topics. The team looks forward to competing at another tournament at Johns Hopkins University on 15-16NOV.

DEPARTMENT: G&EnE

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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. On 05 November, Cadets enrolled in EV450 – Environmental Engineering for Community Development will complete a water treatment lab. Cadets will examine and test the different particle (turbidity) removal techniques commonly used in the developing world: bio-sand filters, the 3-pot method, and membrane technology.

2. On 09 November, LTC Ben Wallen (G&EnE) will escort five cadets to the NYC Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Scholarship Fund Dinner Dance at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York. At this event, five engineering cadets from five different engineering discipline at USMA will received named $500 scholarships for their excellence in the classroom here at the academy.

3. On 20 November, the G&EnE department will host an annual “EV396 Beer Tasting” event with all Environmental Science and Environmental Engineering majors. This serves to celebrate the scientific achievement by members of the Class of 2020 and 2021 enrolled in EV396: Environmental Biological Systems. This event is also an important opportunity for faculty and cadets to better understand and appreciate the science behind this common beverage and helps develop a mature perspective on alcohol use and consumption.

Top 3 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.

1. On 22 October 2019, G&EnE faculty Dr Patrick Baker, LTC Mindy Kimball, CPT Nathaniel Sheehan, and cadets in EV310 (Aquatic Science) hosted the `Day in the Life of the Hudson River Estuary.’ More than 55 children from the fourth grade at West Point Elementary School as well as 30 girl scouts attended with their families and learned about the physical (tides), chemical (salinity), and biologic (fish and crabs) characteristics of the...
Hudson River. This annual event encourages students to collect data (such as: weather, tide, turbidity, water temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, and biodiversity) to create snapshots of the river at West Point and share with other collection efforts from New York City to Albany.

2. On 22 October 2019, companies providing surveying equipment to the Geospatial Information Science (GIS) Program came to West Point to support the Survey Demonstration Day for the EV380 Surveying Course. Cadets enrolled in EV380 participated in a home event trip section at Lusk Reservoir with leaders from Keystone Precision Instruments and their partners to learn advances in surveying technology. Cadets collected real-world data with state-of-the-art equipment and technologies for upcoming classes in EV380. Cadets explored technologies to include handheld indoor LiDAR, an integrated robotic GPS/Laser Scanner and Trimble GeoX7 mapping grade GPS receiver. After collecting the field data, the demonstration concluded in the West Point GeoScience Lab where advanced software suites for visualization and map product production were used to create high resolution advanced 3D geospatial products.

4. October 17-October 31: Summer AIAD Recruitment Window: Department faculty will begin advertising our two summer AIAD opportunities. One group of cadets will travel to central and eastern Europe to study the Cold War and the other will travel to the Netherlands and Belgium to learn about Operation Market Garden.

Top 3 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.


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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

On 07 November 2019, CFD will host Dr. Carl Lee, who will present a talk on Game Theory: An Invitation to Mathematical Reasoning. He will examine a sequence of games that can lead naturally to mathematical concepts, exploration, reasoning, conjectures, and proofs. The games themselves will be accessible to players with varied math backgrounds, and thus will provide a natural and inviting way to encounter, experience, and strengthen math reasoning.

Top 3 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.

1. On 17 and 18 October 2019, the Mathematical Sciences Center hosted the 27th Army Research Laboratory (ARL) / USMA Technical Symposium at West Point. Roughly 150 ARL scientists, USMA faculty, and cadets participated in the two-day event, attending the opening luncheon, giving talks, and participating in poster presentations. This event marked the first time in the last 13 years that it was held at West Point; following the presentation schedule, a historical tour was provided for the visiting scientists.

2. On 17-20 October 2019, COL Hise Gibson and MAJ Tyson Walsh traveled with Office of the Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Opportunity and 12 cadets to Atlanta, GA for a Leadership, Ethics, and Diversity in STEM event. The West Point team interacted with over 150 middle- and high-school students interested in STEM and military careers. West Point cadets demonstrated and led classes in ethics/leadership, visual programming using Sphero robots, autonomous RC cars, and drones.

3. On 23 October 2019, LTC Kathryn Pegues of Systems Engineering and Francis Teague of the United States Military Academy Prep School facilitated a Center for Leadership and Diversity in STEM (CLD STEM) workshop for 15 middle and high school students out of New York City. The students experimented with programming electrical circuits to accomplish certain tasks, such
as signaling with a beacon or lamp. This activity, sponsored by the USMA Admissions office and CLD STEM, targets underrepresented demographic populations in New York City to promote STEM participation and introduce them to the mission at West Point.

4. On 20-23 October 2019, eight faculty members from the Mathematical Sciences attended and gave talks or chaired sessions at the annual Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) conference in Seattle, Washington. The research talks included topics such as designing troop forecasting models for simulated U.S. military deployments, modeling counterinsurgency operations, planning for noncombatant evacuation operations in South Korea, and producing analytics for measuring sensor capabilities.

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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. On 25 October, the Department will host an open house in support of the 2019 USMA Family Weekend.

Top 3 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.

1. On 22 October, CPT Joshua Herrera and 55 cadets from NE350 traveled to Chester, NY to attend a tour at the STERIS IsoMedix Facility. Cadets were educated on the use of the radioisotope Co-60 in gamma-ray sterilization of everyday products. The trip served to demonstrate the practical applications of lessons learned in the course.

2. On 23 October, MAJ Cat Barker led CPT Lindsay (Gordon) Heisler, 2019 Nininger Award Recipient, on a tour of the Physics and Nuclear Engineering Department. CPT Heisler is a class of 2012 physics major.

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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. 30 October – 2 November: The 71st Student Conference on U.S. Affairs (SCUSA) takes place at West Point next week. The opening night panel (30 Oct) will be moderated by Ambassador Doug Lute, and includes Ambassador Victoria Nuland, Mr. Greg Ip, Hon. Chris Gibson, and COL (Ret) Ike Wilson. Following two days of roundtable sessions, the 71st SCUSA keynote address will be delivered at the West Point Club by Ambassador Kay Bailey Hutchison (1 Nov).

2. 14 November: Professor Richard Shultz, Professor of International Politics and director of the International Security Studies Program at Tufts Fletcher School, will deliver an evening lecture titled “The Fight Against Al-Qaida in Iraq: A Case Study on U.S. Special Operations Task Force 714.” Dr. Shultz’ recent research focuses on military innovation; specifically, how U.S. SOF innovated to defeat AQI. Since the mid-1980s, he has served as a security consultant to various U.S. government agencies concerned with national security and in 2013 he published "The Marines Take Anbar: The Four-Year Fight to Defeat al Qaeda in Iraq."

3. 18 November. COL (R) Herman Bulls, the Vice Chairman of JLL, Americas, will guest lecture during Dean’s Hour on “The Role of the Board of Directors” to SS394: Financial Statements Analysis. In addition to his role with JLL, Americas, COL(R) Bulls also serves on numerous corporate boards including USAA and the American Red Cross. A SOSH faculty alumnus, COL(R) Bulls is regularly recognized for his influence as a board member including recently as one of the most influential black businessmen in America.

Top 3 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.

1. 15 October. On October 15, 2019, Amie Parnes, senior political correspondent for The Hill newspaper in Washington and a CNN political analyst, met with cadets enrolled in SS373: Presidency to discuss the media’s role in American politics and the importance of journalistic integrity in reporting the news. She spoke of the challenges of covering presidential campaigns and serving as a White House correspondent. Ms. Parnes addressed the adversarial political climate and media landscape and offered cadets lessons on how to grapple with the difficulties posed.

2. 17 October. Mr. Dan Vallone, US Director for the nonprofit organization More in Common, delivered a guest lecture to cadets of the SS468 Campaigns & Elections course. He spoke about polarization and partisanship in America, segmentation in political identity, and the core beliefs that Americans hold in common. His visit also included a hosted lunch with Social Sciences faculty and select Domestic Affairs Forum and American Politics major cadets, and a SOSH faculty colloquium.
3. 18-20 October. The West Point Policy Debate Team hosted the **USMA Policy Debate Tournament** in Thayer Hall and Cullum Hall, hosting eleven teams from across the Northeast Region attended and 45 individual debate teams. Four USMA teams competed in the tournament with **Cadets John Farley, William Boone, and Vivian Tsai** (all Class of ‘23) winning the top three speaker awards in the Novice Division; **Cadets Farley and Boone** also reached the semifinal round of the tournament. **Ms. Nicole Walker** attended the tournament - her uncle was **George Walker ’58**, a former West Point Debater and NDT Champion who died in 1959.

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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings **UPCOMING** in the next 30 days.

1. The last Faculty Writing Group session of 20-1 will be held Tues, 12 NOV, from 1200-1350 in JH401. The informal open-door sessions hosted by Dr. Colleen Eils (Acting Director, WPWP) give faculty members a dedicated time and space to work on their writing projects; all are welcome to join the group for as much or as little time as their schedules allow. POC: Dr. Colleen Eils (colleen.eils@westpoint.edu)

Top 3 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings **FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days**.

1. On 15-22 OCT, Cadet Writing Fellows presented to 50 sections of EN101 about the West Point Writing Program. A total of 750 members of the Class of ’23 were briefed on the WPWP components: the Writing Curriculum, the Mounger Writing Center, and the Writing Fellows Program. Participating were WFP CiC Helen Schroeder (’20), and CWFs James Ariail (’22), Clara Bartram (’22), Caleb Gordon (’22), Tommy Hall (’22), James Hunter (’21), Adam Johantges (’22), Ryan Johnson (’21), Koi Kizzie (’20), Ryan Kreiser (’22), Nico Manzonelli (’21), Gerardo Marengo (’22), Danny Riley (’22), Timothy Rudolph (’21), Luke Sanders (’22), Anna Seerey (’22), Justin Sells (’21), Ben Spiro (’22), and Adam Tawakkol (’22). The effort was coordinated by EN101 Course Director MAJ Elizabeth Lazzari (DEP) and Dr. Colleen Eils (Acting Director, WPWP).