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

1. 23rd January: The Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership and West Point Leadership Center host the Purpose to Impact Program. Nick Craig, author of *Leading From Purpose* and President of the Core Leadership Institute, joins us for a transformational leadership development program. Mr. Craig will be accompanied by David Hopley and John MacPhail.
2. 27th January: Sociology organized cadets, staff, faculty and family to participate in HOPE Count, an annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE). This is a citywide community volunteer effort to count every New Yorker sleeping on the street across the five boroughs during the coldest time of the year. HOPE relies on thousands of volunteers to make this large-scale canvass a reality. Our department and program have been a part of this event annually for the past decade.
3. 29th January: Class of 1983 Distinguished Leader Series will be host David Miliband, current CEO of the [International Rescue Committee](#) and former British Foreign Secretary. Please join us on Wednesday at 1235 in JH514 for a discussion titled: "The Changing Nature of Conflict: Challenges for Humanitarians and the Military." All are welcome!
4. 30th January -1st February: Ms. Indra Nooyi, former Chairman and CEO of PepsiCo, will be visiting in her role as the West Point Leadership Center's Class of 1951 Distinguished Chair. Theme for this visit is "*Profile of a Leader.*"

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

1. MAJ Benjamin Adams and seven cadets attended the Naval Academy Leadership Conference from 20 January – 23 January. The conference consisted of an incredible array of guest speakers and panelists on the subjects of leadership and leader development. This year, the theme is "*Invest in your people: the power of mentorship.*"

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1. On 8 FEB, the DEP's own faculty will be competing in a Powerlifting competition in Lexington, KY. MAJ Justin Cunningham and CPT (P) Steven Thomas have been training to represent the department and themselves in this event.

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1. On 21 JAN, the Philosophy Forum hosted Professor Lonneke Peperkamp of Radboud University. He gave a talk titled, "Space wars: Regulating Military Activities in Space" in the Haig Room.
2. On 21 JAN, CPT Ingall's EN102 classes were able to visit the Special Collections with Susan Lintelmann. During the visit, the cadets engaged original manuscripts of West Point graduates specific to issues regarding the American Frontier. For nearly all of the students, this was their first visit to the Special Collections.
3. The Speech and Parliamentary Debate Team competed this past weekend at the Royal Military College of Canada as part of the larger RMC/USMA Exchange, a long-standing tradition between the two. The event consisted of friendly debates in which USMA and RMC debaters paired to make teams with representatives from each school. These mixed teams debated in a tournament with topics included gun control, religion, and automotive industry reform. The final debate topic was about selective contentious objection, and this showcase debate was judged by the RMC Principle Dr. H.J. Kowal (BGen Ret'd); the Director of Cadets, Col C. A. Heilman; and USMA's Debate Team Advisor, MAJ DiLorenzo. While the RMC team was victorious during the Showcase debate, all debaters represented USMA well.

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1. On 24 January, G&EnE will recognize and celebrate LTC(P) Mindy Kimball as she is promoted to COL at Ike's Riverside Café at 1615 hrs.
2. On 19 February, Cadet Madeline Easter will present her research on the "Rwandan Genocide" at the Esri Federal Users Conference in Washington, D.C. This is a collaborative research project between G&EnE and History (Dr. David Frey, Dr. Michael Gehren, COL Chris Oxendine, & LTC Will Wright).
3. On 19 February, cadets enrolled in Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa (EV376) will travel to NYC on a Culture Day to put their knowledge in practice for African Geopolitics. The trip will include a visit to the Middle Eastern Institute at Columbia University where they will receive a lecture on the Middle Eastern Politics. After that they will conduct a tour of Morgan Stanley's offices and receive a lunchtime briefing from the Investment Banks leaders for portfolios in the Middle East and North Africa in order to gain an understanding of how the global world views volatility and economics in the region.

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1. On 21 January, the Society of American Military Engineers Student Chapter hosted a guest speaker, Mr. Michael Scarano, who is the Senior Director of the NJ Transit Capital Programs. He discussed the Delco Lead and County Yard Project which is a resiliency project to provide safe haven for 444 rail cars in the event of any potential hurricane that may hit the northeast. He also discussed his time in the US Army Corps of Engineers and situational leadership.
2. On 18 January, Dr. Matthew O'Banion, Cadet Deborah Majkowicz, Dr. Michael Boyce (BS&L), LTC William C. Wright, COL Christopher E. Oxendine & MAJ Nicholas Lewis published an article in Surveying and Land Information Science, 79(1), titled "Evaluating Immersive Visualization Technology for Use in Geospatial Science Education."

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1. January 25-26: Philadelphia Trip: The Department of History will take approximately 70 cadets to visit Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The trip focuses on colonial American history and includes visits to the Liberty Bell, the Constitution Center, and the Museum of the American Revolution.

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1. January 17-18: Washington D.C. Holocaust Museum Trip: The Department of History, in collaboration with the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies took approximately 70 cadets to visit Washington D.C. Cadets visited the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as part of a specially arranged tour in order to better understand atrocities in history.

2.. January 22: Declaration Day: In support of the O/Dean Majors Declaration Day, Department faculty and staff supported our DAC team as they explain the benefits of studying the discipline of history to the Class of 2023.

3. January 22: Women's Basketball v. Lafayette: The Department hosted a social meetup at the Women's Basketball Game against Lafayette College.

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On 16 Jan 2020, the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMA), Kings Point Superintendent, RADM Jack Buono, invited MAJ Tyson Walsh to be the keynote speaker at the Academy's prestigious J. Smith Lanier Distinguished Lecture series dinner on 24 Feb 2020. The Lanier Lecture series focuses on the Academy's motto, Acta Non Verba/Deeds Not Words, and the underpinnings of leadership. MAJ Walsh will continue the series with "Leadership Lessons from USMMA to USMA and Everything in Between."

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On 20 Jan 2020, Dr. Diana Thomas' published study was featured and cited by a New York Times article; "Childhood Obesity is a Major Problem. Research Isn't Helping" by Aaron E. Carroll. The cited article was published in the Pediatric Obesity journal on 19 Aug 2019; "Childhood obesity intervention studies: A narrative review and guide for investigators, authors, editors, reviewers, journalist, and readers to guard against exaggerated effectiveness claims". <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/20/upshot/childhood-obesity-research.html>

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1. Dr. Brodsky, the Army Research Lab Visiting Professor at the House of PaNE and an OIC of the West Point Ski Patrol reports that the cadet patrollers kicked off their seasonal outdoor emergency transportation training season. Last Sunday the patrol travelled to Elk Mountain in Pennsylvania to hone their skiing and riding skills. Cadets teamed up with experienced senior Elk patrollers to practice evacuating patients from the slopes. Every cadet patroller improved greatly, and the team bonded together over meals and music. Accomplished mission results in improved safety on West Point Ski slope and beyond.

2. With West Point selected as a host site for the Conference on Undergraduate Women in Physics (CUWiP) 2021, the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering sent faculty and cadets to three 2020 CUWiP sites from 17-19 January. LTC Diana Loucks, CPT Larry McNamara, and 6 cadets attended CUWiP at Carnegie Mellon University, with LTC Loucks being an invited panelist. CPT Logan Phillips and CPT Elizabeth Bell attended CUWiP at Yale University. COL

Pete Chapman, MAJ Cathleen Barker, MAJ Travis Barker, and MAJ Sarah Sublett attended CUWiP at the University of South Florida (USF), Tampa. MAJ Cathleen Barker and MAJ Sarah Sublett were invited panelists, and COL Chapman and MAJ Travis Barker served as poster judges. Approximately 100 undergraduate women and under-represented minorities from across Florida and over 20 faculty and members of the physics community were in attendance at CUWiP at USF, Tampa.

3. COL Pete Chapman, MAJ Cathleen Barker, MAJ Travis Barker, and MAJ Sarah Sublett attended the 2020 Winter meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers held in Orlando, Florida from 17-21 January. COL Pete Chapman presented on strategies to develop confident and flexible new faculty in the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering (PaNE). MAJ Travis Barker presented on the lab program used in the Core Physics Program in D/PaNE. MAJ Travis Barker was also an invited panelist to discuss lab training for new faculty. MAJ Sublett presented a poster on research on faculty use of iPad Pros. Approximately 1000 physics teachers ranging from middle school to the collegiate level attended.

4. Representatives from the Advanced Physics, Nuclear Engineering, and Space Science programs participated in the Major's Open House on 22 January in Thayer Hall. Faculty and D/PNE majors were on hand to describe the department's major offerings, answer questions, and assist the class of 2023 in their selections.

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1. 26 January – 5 February. At the request of the 75th Ranger Regiment, **three leaders from the CTC will travel to Kabul, Afghanistan** in order to aid the Regiment in an assessment of the future operating environment in Afghanistan.
2. 3 February. **Ms. Leigh Angres**, head of legislative affairs at the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) will guest lecture on “Multiple Traditions in American Political Development” in SS480: The Public Policymaking Process. **Ms. Angres** joined the CBO in 2007 and worked in a variety of positions before becoming head of legislative affairs in 2015. She earned her M.P.P. from the University of California at Berkeley and her A.B. from Duke University.
3. 10 February. The Department of Social Sciences will host **Secretary Robert Gates and Retired General Peter Chiarelli** for this year's Class of 1952 Distinguished Lecture titled, “*American Civil-Military Relations: A Conversation with the Honorable Robert Gates and General (Ret) Peter Chiarelli.*” The lecture will be held in Robinson Auditorium from 1235-1350, to be followed by a reception with members of the Class of 1952, their families, and select faculty and cadets. Secretary Gates and GEN(R) Chiarelli

will also participate in a faculty colloquium in Lincoln Hall for department faculty later that afternoon before departing West Point.

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1. 17 January. The **International Affairs program** hosted future members of faculty who are currently in grad school for a day of orientation at West Point. The day's events included group sessions, class observation, and one-on-one sessions with program leadership. The events were designed to make sure that these leaders are maximizing the grad school years and ready to hit the ground running upon arrival to USMA and the Department of Social Sciences.
2. 16 January. The Department of Social Sciences hosted members of the **Jersey City Council, Police Department, Veterans Affairs, and Cultural Affairs Office** for the planning conference for the 16th Annual cultural immersion program with agencies from Jersey City. In coordination with SS486 State Building, the three-day cultural immersion exposes Cadets to a diverse set of civic and cultural experiences and is set for April 4-6, 2020. Attendees planned the event in Jefferson Hall followed by lunch in the Cadet Mess.
3. 14 January. **Dr. Julie Chernov Hwang**, Associate Professor of Political Science at Goucher College, traveled to West Point and engaged with cadets in multiple sections of SS466: Combating Terrorism, sharing her knowledge regarding the disengagement of individuals from violent militant groups, in Indonesia. Following Dr. Chernov Hwang's engagements with cadets, she also spent time meeting with and discussing her research with members of the Combating Terrorism Center.

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1. Upcoming Faculty Writing Group sessions will be held Thurs, 06&20FEB, from 1200-1350 in JH401. The informal open-door group welcomes any faculty or staff member interested in uninterrupted time and friendly space to work on any writing project. Dr. Colleen Eils (Associate Director, WPWP) will be on hand if any writing-related questions arise; all are welcome to join any session for as much or as little time as their schedules allow. The full schedule is [here](https://www.westpoint.edu/academics/curriculum/west-point-writing-program/writing-fellows-program/faculty-support) (<https://www.westpoint.edu/academics/curriculum/west-point-writing-program/writing-fellows-program/faculty-support>).

2. In coordination with the Army Talent Management Task Force (ATMTF), Dr. Jason Hoppe (Director, WPWP) and Dr. Colleen Eils (Associate Director, WPWP) are conducting writing assessment for the Battalion Commander Assessment Program (BCAP) at Fort Knox. Writing assessment is one part of the new process for evaluating Army officers for battalion command.

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1. The Mounger Writing Center is now open for one-on-one consultations and walk-ins. Hours are 1230-1600 M-F and 1930-2200 Sun-Thurs, with dedicated walk-in times from 1230-1255 and 1930-1955 during open hours. Appointments may be made on the [MWC website](#) by anyone with a westpoint.edu address.