

## Eclipse Awards

All cadets, members of the faculty and staff, and the greater Coast Guard community, are encouraged to submit nominations for the Eclipse awards. Nominations should be written as a narrative no longer than one page and clearly state the award the person is being nominated for. The following criteria should be used to evaluate potential nominees. Nominations are due to Ms. Richelle Johnson by Monday, February 26th, 2018. A list of past awardees is also included.

The **Manson K. Brown Genesis Award** is given to a Coast Guard Academy cadet or Alumni whose forethought and commitment has fostered a community of inclusion by establishing traditions and practices which promote comprehension of and appreciation for diversity. Steadfast in the pursuit to create an inclusive space for underrepresented minority cadets while also enlighten his peers, this motivated leader has made sustainable contributions to the Corps of Cadets in an effort to promote an environment free from bias and discrimination. Past recipients:

2017: LT Dan Han  
2016: LCDR Hoon Park  
2015: LCDR Marcus Canady  
2014: 1/c Andre Jones-Butler  
2013: Dr. Hallie Gregory  
2012: VADM Manson K. Brown

The **Merle Smith Pioneer Award** is given to a member of the Coast Guard Academy community who has accomplished groundbreaking firsts at the Academy. This person has served as a beacon of inspiration among his peers to strive for the unimaginable and forge new paths of greatness through an exceptional determination to succeed. This award is a marker of the honor and courage required to lead, chart unfamiliar territory and reach heightened levels of achievement in the face of adversity and uncertainty. Past recipients:

2017: Dr. Janet McLeavy  
2016: LT Kimberly Young-McLear  
2015: RADM Sandra Stosz  
2014: CDR Darell Singleterry  
2013: CAPT Steve Baynes  
2012: Mr. Merle Smith

The **JoAnn Miller Community Award** is given to a member of the Academy or greater New London community who has worked as an active liaison between the Academy and the City of New London, building a bridge between the two entities. The efforts of this recipient have made significant, lasting contributions to the Academy, the cadets, and the New London community. Past recipients:

2017: State Representative Chris Soto  
2016: LT Takana Skelton  
2015: Dr. Robert Newton  
2014: CDR Erica Mohr  
2013: Mr. Louis Allen  
2012: Ms. JoAnn Miller

The **Frances Neal Humanitarian Award** is bestowed upon a cadet, alumni, staff, or faculty member who goes above and beyond to provide support for cadets and the entire Academy through facilitation of an environment rich in community and comfort. This pivotal figure demonstrates an incessant passion for the well-being of cadets and instinctively strives to empower cadets mentally, emotionally, and/or academically. The actions of this award recipient transform the Academy into an inclusive community where all cadets can grow, be nurtured, supported, mentored and challenged to be dynamic leaders of character. Past recipients:

2017: CDR Mark Harris (ret)  
2016: Mr. Dan Pinch  
2015: LT Claire Davenport  
2014: LCDR Royce James  
2013: Ms. Erin Mitchell  
2012: Ms. Frances Neal

The **Joseph M. Vojvodich** is given to a Coast Guard member who has fostered a community of inclusion by providing mentorship from the Coast Guard field to historically underrepresented cadets at USCGA. This inspirational leader shows evidence of sustained commitment to mentoring that resulted in career development of 3-5 or more mentees and has supported the growth of each mentee's academic career as well as providing opportunities to experience operational Coast Guard events that move mentees toward establishing independence in their Coast Guard career. This recipient helps mentees to develop and sustain a network of professional colleagues who can offer advice, training, and help. The mentoring efforts of this individual led directly to attracting and retaining a diverse Coast Guard workforce, dedication of service to the Academy, and have helped foster an inclusive environment for all to appreciate. Past recipients:

2017: RADM Joseph M. Vojvodich

Awardees will be nominated by the Eclipse Planning Committee to the Senior Leadership Team for final determination. Additionally, a new award will be added this year to honor the late Dr. Hallie Gregory. In keeping with tradition, this year the Dr. Hallie Gregory Respect Award will be presented to Dr. Gregory's family. The criteria for this award is as follows:

The **Coach Hallie Gregory Respect Award** is given to any member of the greater Coast Guard community having a connection to Academy athletics who has excelled in actively demonstrating and promoting the unifying Core Value of Respect. She or he is identified as a distinguished, unifying catalyst who best exemplifies the Academy's athletic, intramural and physical education tenets of teambuilding, teamwork, honesty, fairness, dignity, civility, and respect. Exceeding what is expected, she or he creates a thriving environment of compassion, value, and opportunity for all that is clearly based on mutual respect.

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