

US Coast Guard Academy Honors Program

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The 2016 USCGA Fulbright scholar, 1/c Jacquelyn Kubicko, receives the 2016 Collegian Innovation and Leadership Award during the 12th Annual Women of Innovation Awards Gala

On April 6, 2016, the Connecticut Technology Council - The Catalyst for Innovation and Growth - held the Women of Innovation awards gala dinner to recognize women in the state of Connecticut who are accomplished in science, technology, engineering, math, and those who are involved in their community. The awards program recognized women innovators, role models and leaders in science and technology professions, including outstanding young women at the high school and collegiate level pursuing technology studies. Of these 65 women, 10 were recognized as category winners.

The 2016 Collegian Innovation and Leadership Award was presented to 1/c Jacquelyn Kubicko, US Coast Guard Academy for her research contribution in the field of acoustic tomography aimed to image physical characteristics of the ocean in order to contribute to the accuracy of climate change and acidification models. The project was supervised by her instructor at the Academy, LT Christopher Verlinden, and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The CGA has been proud of 1/c Kubicko as she conducted a graduate-level scholarly work and carried out independent research that brought her unusually high praise and has inspired other cadets to follow her example. Ms. Kubicko's leadership and dedication to public service, coupled with her passion for science, and her innate modesty made her a proud recipient of this prestigious award.

1/c Jacquelyn Kubicko has received a 2016-2017 Fulbright U.S. Student Award to study in the United Kingdom.

She will be representing the U.S. and the Coast Guard Academy as a cultural ambassador while pursuing a Master of Research at the University of Southampton, U.K. during 2017-2018 academic year. The Marine and Environmental Science major will be conducting research in physical oceanography with applications to climate change. By studying the ocean dynamics caused by climate change, Kubicko will contribute to international climate policy initiatives. As a Fulbright scholar, Kubicko will enhance mutual understanding between Americans and people in the U.K. and join over 100,000 Fulbright U.S. Student Program alumni who have undertaken grants since the program began in 1948.



From the left: (First row) Professor Alina Zapalska, 1/c Jacquelyn Kubicko, and LT Chris Verlinden (Second row) Professors Deanna Bergondo and Luke Weinstein

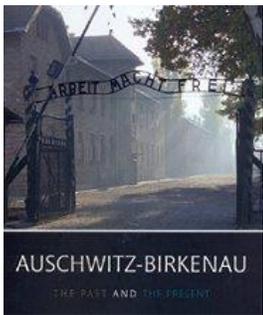
1/c Kubicko was surprised and very happy to be a second CGA's recipient of the Collegian Innovation and Leadership Award. After the dinner 1/c Kubicko said: *"It was an inspirational evening to say the least. An immensely talented and accomplished group of women filled the hall, and it was such an honor to be a part of it. Sitting with Congresswoman Esty and talking to some of the other awardees, I realized how difficult it had been for them to pursue the career paths that they had, a thought that hadn't even crossed my mind beforehand. I am so fortunate to be at the Coast Guard Academy, where I can pursue a STEM career without once feeling restricted by past societal norms or stereotype. The evening left me with even greater motivation and drive to succeed within the STEM community and in the military, having such an incredible support network surrounding me, all so dedicated and passionate towards science and technology."*

The Academy's Scholars

- 1/c Jacquelyn Kubicko '16 - Fulbright 2016
- 1/c Stephen Horvath '15 - Fulbright 2015
- 1/c Jessie Lukasik '14 - Fulbright 2014
- LTJG Joe DiRenzo '10 - Fulbright 2012
- 2/c Allison Murray '11 - Kimsey 2010
- 1/c Joe DiRenzo '10 - Fulbright 2010
- 2/c Melissa McCafferty '11 - Truman 2010
- 1/c Alex LeKander '10 - Truman 2009
- 1/c Louise Mandour-Brackin '09 - Fulbright 2009
- ENS Sean Dolbow OCS '09 - Fulbright 2007
- 1/c DeCarol Davis '08 - Truman 2007
- 1/c Patrick Pennella '07 - Fulbright 2007
- 1/c Kirsten Ambors '07 - Fulbright 2007
- LT Stephen Elliott '05 - Fulbright 2005
- CAPT Mike Christian '86 - Fulbright 1986
- Mr. Peter Seaman '86 - Marshall Alternate 1986
- Mr. David Caron '74 - Fulbright 1974

The Academy's Internships and Fellowships

American Service Academies Program Internship



The Academy's Honors Program provides its members with the opportunity to participate in the American Service Academies Program (ASAP). This three-week educational initiative was created by the Auschwitz Jewish Center specifically for a select group of cadets and midshipmen from the four U.S. military academies.

The Honors Program accepts cadets who exhibit a dedication to extracurricular endeavors, an interest in cultural issues and a strong commitment to community service. Selected cadets must demonstrate exceptional leadership potential and be effective communicators in order to convey the knowledge from their experience in Poland to their peers at the Academy.

ASAP Internship Fellows:

2016: 3/c Irene Martorell Crespo, 3/c Hope McGeady
2015: 3/c William Glick, 3/c Eva Sandi
2014: 3/c Shane Rainey, 3/c Emily Quallen
2013: 2/c Luke Carani, 2/c Peter Driscoll
2012: 2/c Jerry Hong, 2/c Jessie Lukasik

2011: 2/c Chris Clifton
2010: 1/c Jacob Hauser, 1/c Natalie Rothman
2009: 2/c Jacqueline Fitch, 2/c Theodore Warren
2008: 1/c John Gustus

Saratoga Fellows Program



The Saratoga Fellows Program provides a post-undergraduate educational and professional experience for officers in the Armed Forces of the United States. The program is designed to broaden each fellow's understanding of our country's intellectual and moral traditions. That understanding addresses the ability to engage in public discourse and thus it strengthens an officer's calling to public service.

Saratoga Fellows:

2016: 1/c Micaela Crabtree and 1/c Paul Puddington
2015: ENS Micaela Baca, ENS Christian Brindamour, ENS Leanna Marlin
2014: ENS Karlin Joh
2013: ENS Jessica Van Horn, ENS Jessica Ward
2012: ENS Bobby Carsey, ENS Justin Daniel, ENS Katie Schumacher, ENS Tiffany Vegter