Mission
The Honors Program at the Academy cultivates academic excellence across all majors and encourages scholarly achievement.

Second class (2/c) and first class (1/c) cadets may be selected for the Honors Colloquium to compete for:

- Scholarships such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, Truman, and Gates
- Honors internships and fellowships
- Travel to present research at academic conferences

The Academy offers opportunities to fourth class (4/c) and third class (3/c) cadets:

- Special sections of core courses such as the Art of Effective Writing and Honors Literature
- Validation and placement in advanced courses in chemistry, physics, and mathematics

National Honor Societies
The Academy sponsors chapters of several national honor societies:

- **Alpha Lambda Delta** celebrating excellence in the first year of college
- **Pi Sigma Alpha**, the National Political Science Honor Society, recognizing outstanding achievement as a Government major
- **Beta Gamma Sigma** recognizing high achievement in an undergraduate business program accredited by AACSB International

The Academy offers membership in student chapters of professional societies:

- **American Society of Civil Engineers**
- **Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers**
- **Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers**
- **Institute for Operational Research and the Management Sciences**

The Academy’s Scholars

- 1/c Stephen Horvath ’15 - Fulbright 2015
- 1/c Jesse 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
ENS Stephen Horvath received a two-year Fulbright Scholarship in March 2015. ENS Horvath, a San Diego, CA native, will study renewable energy technologies in Finland.

NEW LONDON, Conn. — Stephen Horvath, a member of the Class of 2015, was granted a two-year Fulbright Scholarship to study renewable energy technologies in Finland during the 2015-2016 and the 2016-2017 academic years. Horvath, 21, will pursue a master’s degree at the Lappeenranta University of Technology in Lappeenranta, Finland. The mechanical engineering major plans to conduct a research project on methods for energy storage. His project will examine the conversion technologies used to store energy created from wind turbines and solar cells. Subsequently, the technology available to store the energy as a gas will be evaluated for efficiency and cost. Based on the evaluation, Horvath will make recommendations to improve the process of creating synthetic gas on an industrial scale.

ENS Stephen Horvath will be departing for his two-year Fulbright studies in Finland in mid-August 2015.

ENS Jessica Lukasik received a Fulbright Scholarship in March 2014. ENS Lukasik, a Lawrenceville, GA native, has been studying Economics at University of Mauritius since August 2014.

NEW LONDON, Conn. — Jessica Lukasik, a Government major and a member of the Class of 2014, was granted a Fulbright Scholarship to study Economics with a focus on marine economic development in Mauritius during the 2014-2015 academic year. ENS Lukasik departed the CGA to pursue her studies and conduct a research project on a sustainable marine economic development model for Mauritius at the University of Mauritius in July 2014. Her project focuses on a marine spatial planning framework that will guide the use of the maritime resources by local industries. The goal of her research is to support economic development in Mauritius.

ENS Lukasik won the Ironman African Championships in South Africa and has accepted a slot for the Ironman World Championships that will be held in Kona on October 20, 2015. ENS Lukasik completed her first year at University of Mauritius as well as a summer program at University of Tanzania in August 2015. She will be graduating from University of Mauritius in Summer 2016.

LT Joseph DiRenzo received two Fulbright Scholarships: to Iceland in April 2010 and Norway in March 2012. LT DiRenzo, a Suffolk, VA native, studied sustainable energy engineering in Norway in 2012-2014.

NEW LONDON, Conn. — A 2010 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy was granted a Fulbright Scholarship to study sustainable energy engineering in Norway during academic year 2012-2013.

LT Joe DiRenzo IV of Suffolk, VA, completed the Fulbright study at the Norwegian Technical University and earned a master’s degree in engineering with a concentration in renewable energy generation and utilization in June 2014. Currently, he is an Operations Officer on USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC-719). His Fulbright in Norway was his second Fulbright Scholarship since graduating from the Academy.

ENS DiRenzo speaking at the Fulbright Indoctrination Luncheon in Oslo, Norway in Summer 2012.
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:

- 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:

- 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

ENS Micaela Baca,
Hometown: Englewood, FL
Degree: B.S. in Operations Research and Computer Analysis

ENS Christian Brindamour
Hometown: Manchester, CT
Degree: B.S. in Government

ENS Leanna Marlin
Hometown: San Antonio, TX
B.S. in Government
United States Coast Guard Academy

Alpha Lambda Delta

National Honor Society for First-Year Students

The Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter of The United States Coast Guard Academy

The Induction Ceremony honoring cadets’ commitment to and excellence in academics for the Class of 2018 will be held at six o’clock on Wednesday, the 19th of August 2015, in the USCG Academy Alumni Hall (1st floor).

CAPT (Ret) Mike Christian will be the keynote speaker.

The Coast Guard Academy Chapter of The Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society will initiate twenty-eight students from the Class of 2018. Students must have obtained a 3.5 GPA or better and be in the top 20% of their class during their fourth-class year to be named for membership.

The Coast Guard Academy Chapter of The Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society will initiate the following students from the Class of 2018:

1. John Andres
2. Jonathan Behnke
3. Andrew Brown
4. Douglas Brown
5. Vincent De Terlizzi
6. Kiera Foster
7. Andrew Goetz
8. John Groen
9. Kermit Heiser
10. Erik Hollenbeck
11. Nicholas Hubner
12. Oliver Kremer
13. Ryan Marshall
14. Zachary McGhee
15. Bayley Olds
16. Raeford Penny
17. Edward Pond
18. Timothy Powell
19. Austin Read
20. Joseph Sagan
21. Jessica Stein
22. Logan Sullivan
23. Dylan Tschumper
24. Erin Wright
25. Tucker Williams
26. Cody Williamson
27. Melissa Zakrzewski
28. Richard Zogby

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA

In the fall of 1924, Maria Leonard, the Dean of Women at the University of Illinois, created Alpha Lambda (ALD) Delta, an honor society specifically to applaud the academic achievement by students in their first year of study in higher education. The purpose of ALD is to encourage an “interest in scholarship from the first day on till graduation.” Additionally, ALD strives to encourage “the appreciation for earnest study…to serve as a creative working force, to be an inspiration for four years of university life, to recognize and honor superior intellectual accomplishment, and to encourage the desire for a search ever continuous for wisdom and understanding.”

Alpha Lambda Delta stands for αληλοις λαμψ αδια διαδοσθησιν (allélois lampádia diadósoin) which translated means: “They will pass torches on, one to another.” Life membership in ALD is open to all fully enrolled freshmen who earn a minimum academic average of 3.5 during one of their first two semesters in college. Currently, ALD has about 225 chapters throughout the United States and approximately 500,000 students have been initiated. The colors for Alpha Lambda Delta are red, white, and gold. Red represents the burning flame of knowledge. White represents the search for truth. Gold represents the strong base of honor.