



2022-2023

ABOUT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Syracuse University is a private research university that advances knowledge across a broad range of disciplines to drive breakthrough discoveries and breakout leadership. Our collection of 13 schools and colleges with over 200 customizable majors closes the gap between education and action, so students can take on the world. In and beyond the classroom, we connect people, perspectives and practices to solve interconnected challenges with interdisciplinary approaches. Together, we're a powerful community that moves ideas, individuals and impact beyond what's possible.

OFFICE OF VETERAN AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

The Office of Veteran and Military Affairs (OVMA) serves as Syracuse University's "single point of entry" for all veteran and military related programs and initiatives. It collaborates and coordinates with the university community and stakeholders to best serve veterans, military-connected students, and military family members who are students or employees at Syracuse University. By offering a diverse range of programming, support, and resources specifically focused on our student veterans and their families, OVMA seeks to make the Syracuse University campus more veteran friendly and relevant for every student veteran.

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DIRECTOR'S LETTER



Syracuse University has over 150 years of history delivering fantastic academic programs and support to our nation's veterans and their families. Today, Syracuse University is home to several veteran and military-connected programs and initiatives including the longest continuously running Army ROTC program in the nation, one of oldest Air Force ROTC programs in the nation, the Defense Comptrollership Program, the Military Visual Journalism Program, the National Security Studies Program, and the Wohl Family Veteran Legal Clinic.

This year our nation will mark the 50th anniversary of America's all-volunteer military, and President Truman signing Executive Order 9981 in 1948 marking the 75th Anniversary of the Desegregation of the U.S. Military. Syracuse University will forever remain steadfast in its historic support to our nation's veterans and military-connected students by empowering this generation of students through higher education. During this past academic year, roughly 1,300 military-connected students were enrolled at Syracuse University all from very unique backgrounds and walks of life.

Year after year, one of the top reasons cited by those who volunteer for military service is the opportunity to leverage the GI Bill and other military tuition assistance benefits as a pathway to a college education. The OVMA is uniquely postured to support student veteran and military connected student success and honor their accomplishments. We celebrated student success with award and scholarship recipient announcements, commissioned over 30 Army and Air Force ROTC cadets as Second Lieutenants, and recognized the milestone accomplished of over 150 veteran and military-connected graduating from Syracuse University. Our veteran and military-connected students continue to rise to the challenge and remain our nation's best, but this time in their new chosen career path.

The veteran and military-connected students you see detailed in these pages represent our core values of Syracuse University. As a veteran and Syracuse University alumnus myself, it is an honor to serve and be part of this amazing community by enabling their success in higher education and beyond.

Go Orange!

A handwritten signature in orange ink, appearing to read 'Ron Novack', written in a cursive style.

Ron Novack, G'20
COL, U.S. Army, Retired
Executive Director, OVMA
Veteran Legacy Fund Leadership Circle Member

EDUCATION

2023 TILLMAN SCHOLAR

LUIS WEIERBACH



PAT TILLMAN FOUNDATION



United States Army Captain Luis Weierbach; a second year (2L) student in the Syracuse University College of Law was selected to become the 11th Pat Tillman Foundation (PTF) Scholar. Syracuse University has the privilege of being one of 18 universities that partner with the foundation. Syracuse University has partnered with The Pat Tillman Foundation since 2017 to identify scholars that embody a spirit of service, scholarship and humble leadership. Tillman scholars carry on Pat Tillman's legacy and are making an impact with effects that ripple outward for years to come.



Jolynn Parker, Director of the Center for Fellowship and Scholarship Advising and Ron Novack, Executive Director for the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs



From left, Bill Rielly L'23, Amanda Higginson L'24, Natasha DeLeon L'25 and Katherine Quartaro '18, G'20

Members of the Syracuse University military-connected community traveled to Tempe, Arizona, to take part in the 19th Annual Pat's Run, hosted by the Pat Tillman Foundation. Among the 29,000 participants, this year were four Syracuse University Tillman Scholars and two staff members who took part in the annual event honoring Patrick "Pat" Tillman's legacy of service beyond self.

Pat Tillman Scholars

Syracuse University was invited to become a Pat Tillman Foundation University Partner in 2017. The Tillman scholar Program unites and empowers remarkable military veterans and spouses as the next generation of public and private sector leaders committed to service beyond self. Syracuse University shares these ideals and is proud to support Tillman Scholars on our campus.



**Natasha DeLeon
2022**



**Amanda Higginson
2022**



**Anthony Ornelaz
2022**



**Bill Rielly
2022**



**Laura Buys
2020**



**Katy Quartaro
2019**



**Katie Piston
2018**



**Robin Evans
2018**



**Ryan Gross
2017**

On Friday, May 12th, twenty-three U.S. Army and nine U.S. Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets officially embarked on their military careers at the second annual Joint Commissioning Ceremony held at the K.G. Tan Auditorium in the National Veteran Resource Center (NVRC). Throughout the day the ROTC commissionees were addressed by Chancellor Syverud and presented with the Chancellor's ROTC Leadership Certificate of Achievement Award.



Army and Air Force
ROTC
Commissioning





VETERAN COMMENCEMENT

The annual Student Veteran Commencement Ceremony took place on Friday, May 12th. This annual tradition recognized student veterans earning undergraduate, graduate, and advanced degrees. This event, held in the K.G. Tan Auditorium in the NVRC, was open to the public and celebrated the 259 student-veterans who graduated from Syracuse University during the 2022-2023 academic year. Students were addressed by guest speaker, Dr. Komkwuan Paruchabutr, '01, Doctor of Nursing Practice and Assistant Professor at the Graduate School of Nursing for the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Dr. Paruchabutr is an U.S. Army Veteran, a graduate of the Syracuse University Army ROTC program and a member of the last School of Nursing graduating class.



SVA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

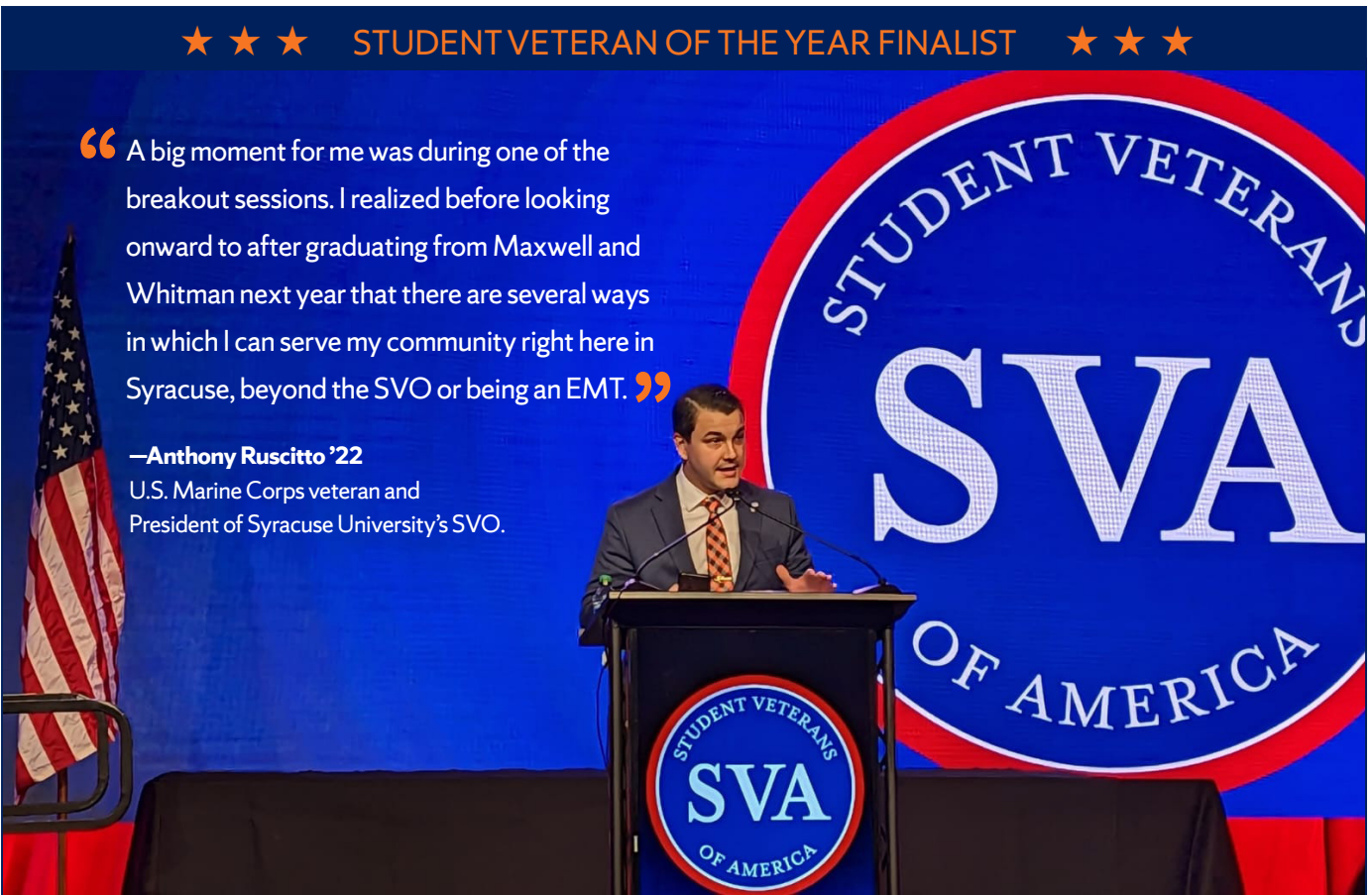
This year 14 student veterans, from all branches of service, attended the Student Veterans of America National Conference, held in Orlando, Florida. Syracuse University Student Veteran Organization (SVO) President Anthony Ruscitto '22 G'23 was a finalist for National Student Veteran of the Year. Clifton Washington G '24 described his experience conference as, "NatCon was so much more than I expected [looking at] every other chapter there we are doing it right."



★ ★ ★ STUDENT VETERAN OF THE YEAR FINALIST ★ ★ ★

“A big moment for me was during one of the breakout sessions. I realized before looking onward to after graduating from Maxwell and Whitman next year that there are several ways in which I can serve my community right here in Syracuse, beyond the SVO or being an EMT.”

—Anthony Ruscitto '22
U.S. Marine Corps veteran and
President of Syracuse University's SVO.



“The best aspect of the conference this year was the student veterans and staff we took there. Each of us are different in ways beyond just our service branch. We all had different career goals and background but definitely grew a lot closer and learned more about each other over the week. I'd recommend every S.U. student veteran apply to go every year, if possible,” Ruscitto said.

In addition to being the Student Veteran Organization President, Ruscitto, is a graduate student with the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, was among the eight finalists in the running for Student Veteran of the Year this year. While a student veteran from Loyola University walked away with the top honors this year, Ruscitto did have a unique opportunity that most college students would never experience.

“The most significant and certainly most exciting moment was being able to address the entire conference and formally introduce Denis McDonough, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs,” says Ruscitto. “It was a humbling and very rewarding experience to be recognized, I can't believe where I am today after looking back at the last four years.”

Ruscitto and other student veterans were also afforded an opportunity to sit down with the U.S. Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona, to discuss the challenges facing veterans in higher education. Student veterans at Syracuse University enjoy an uncanny level of support that is unheard of at most colleges and universities, due largely to Chancellor Kent Syverud declaring that supporting veterans would be a university initiative during his inaugural address. The university is often used as an example on best practices for educating veterans.

“Speaking as a second-year PhD student at Maxwell, I can confirm that Syracuse University is a truly remarkable place for veterans,” said Lyon, who in addition to being the SVA's president is also pursuing a doctoral degree in social science with the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. “So, it was no surprise that one of Syracuse University's very own, Anthony Ruscitto, was honored as a Student Veteran of the Year finalist at the SVA Honors Luncheon, amongst so many exceptional student veterans present,” Lyon said.

AVECO CONFERENCE

The Association of Veterans Education Certifying Officials (AVECO) is an association that focuses on supporting and providing education school certifying officials across the country. AVECO sponsors puts on two conferences annually to support and educate officials in this capacity. AVECO scholarship program provides funding to uniformed service members, veterans, and their spouses. The scholarship cycle runs every spring with the winners announced at the conference in July.

The board of directors for AVECO consists of school officials from across the country who work to develop and execute training plans for each conference to allow them to run smoothly. Additionally, the board members also evaluate and select future cities to host AVECO conferences. This year the Kari Mickinkle, a School Certifying Official from the Office of Veteran Success, was selected from a highly competitive pool to fill a position on the board of directors. During her short time on the board of directors, Kari is making an immediate impact by helping to organize a give back initiative that will encourage conference attendees to bring donations to the local Salvation Army locations, as well as helping to organize fundraisers for scholarships given out by AVECO.



SERGEANTS MAJOR ACADEMY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Graduates of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy Fellowship Program recently celebrated earning their master's degrees in instructional design, development, and evaluation from the School of Education.

The students took part in the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy Fellowship Program and in partnership with Syracuse University, the fellows completed master's degrees in instructional design, development, and evaluation (IDDE) through the School of Education. Their graduation officially makes them part of our Orange family and marks the completion of the third annual cohort since the University became a partner.

The online master's degree in IDDE consists of 30 graduate credits with the goal of developing expertise to design, create, implement and evaluate non-technology and technology-supported instructional solutions for a variety of educational and professional settings.

Students participate in coursework areas such as principles of instruction and learning, techniques in educational evaluation, technologies for instructional settings and strategies in educational project management.

Most of the fellows will go on to design and instruct the academy's Sergeants Major Course, which educates the military's enlisted personnel to operate on all levels of leadership.



PROGRAMS



DEFENSE COMPTROLLERSHIP PROGRAM

The Syracuse University Martin J. Whitman School of Management has been home to the Defense Comptrollership Program (DCP) since 1952. The DCP represents a unique cooperative endeavor between Syracuse University and the Department of Defense. The curriculum is a 60-credit hour program that the students complete in 14 months. Graduates are awarded a Master of Business (MBA) with a Concentration in Business Analytics degree and an Executive Master of Public Administration (EMPA) degree. Students earn 42 credits at the Martin J. Whitman School of Management and eighteen credits at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. The name was changed from the Army Comptrollership Program (ACP) to the Defense Comptrollership Program (DCP) starting with the class of 2006. Since its inception, the DCP program boasts over 2,200 graduates including 21 participants in the class of 2023.

2022 SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY WARRIOR-SCHOLAR PROJECT



For the eighth year in a row, Syracuse University hosted the esteemed Warrior-Scholar Project (WSP), a no-cost academic boot camp for first year and transfer student-veterans.

The Warrior-Scholar Project provides a way forward academically for military veterans following their transition from military service into higher education. WSP is an intensive, weeklong college academic boot camp. In addition to training military personnel in the skills required for college, they are taught that they can be a valuable addition to the campus community. Professors and graduate students from schools and colleges across campus deliver curriculum prepared by WSP. During the 2022 program, Syracuse University hosted nine student veterans to live on campus during the first ever two-week academic bootcamp encapsulating both a humanities and business week.



BUSH INSTITUTE

John Nipper '23 G'24, will earn his master's degree in public administration (MPA) degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. John was selected to participate in the George W. Bush Institute Stand-To Veteran Leadership Program. The application process for the program is competitive and rigorous. The program attracts industry leaders from across the country invested in improving military transitions and outcomes for veterans and their families. John is a Navy veteran and looking to leverage his military experience in the field of international relations. John reflected on his time in the program as, "The Bush Institute's whole program is about veterans, and Syracuse is very intertwined with all of that. This opportunity feels like running downhill with being plugged in with so many veteran service organizations."



PEER ADVISORS FOR VETERAN EDUCATION (PAVE)



This is the sixth year of the Syracuse University partnership with the Peer Advisors for Veteran Education (PAVE). PAVE pairs all incoming student veterans with a peer advisor to help them navigate college life by addressing challenges they may face. This includes referring student veterans to appropriate resources on and off-campus, and provide ongoing support. The partnership is anchored by peer leaders Amanda Lalonde '23 and Savion Pollard '25. Lalonde and Pollard were assisted by eight peer advisors in the fall semester and nine Spring 2023. Peer Advisors service 48 student veterans this past academic year.

PAVE
Peer Advisors for Veteran Education
at Syracuse University



EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW

BETTY AND MICHAEL D. WOHL VETERANS LEGAL CLINIC

KEEPING OUR PROMISE, HONORING THEIR SERVICE

Founded in 2015, the Betty and Michael D. Wohl Veterans Legal Clinic at the Syracuse University College of Law is now in its eighth year of providing quality legal advice to veterans in Syracuse and across New York State. The Veterans Legal Clinic (VLC) provides legal representation to veterans and their families seeking benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or upgrading a military discharge through the various military branches. The VLC is staffed by student attorneys in their 2L or 3L year at the College of Law, many who are veterans themselves or who have a connection to the military and a passion for serving veterans.

In the fall, the VLC hosted the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC) in the Melanie Gray Ceremonial Courtroom. The live oral argument provided students, faculty and staff, alumni and the local legal community with an opportunity to learn about veterans' benefits, federal practice, and administrative law. As part of the CAVC visit, Judges on the court participated in a panel discussion on judicial opinions and appellate advocacy. Later, the Clerk of Court moderated a career panel including the attorneys from the VA's Office of General Counsel, the attorneys representing the appellant, and the judicial law clerks at the Court.

In the spring, student attorneys traveled to Washington, D.C. and argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on behalf of a widow who was denied the military's survivor benefit plan. 3L Anthony Emmi presented oral argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and expertly handled questions from the judges with poise and confidence. The team of 2L Milana Casillas & 3L Bill Rielly worked tirelessly researching, reviewing briefs, and preparing for oral argument.

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SOCIETY

The Military and Veterans Law Society (MVLS) is a student-run College of Law organization that provides Syracuse University College of Law students an opportunity to engage with and assist veterans and military members in the community.

Over the past year, led by President 3L Sunny Lostritto, MVLS leadership participated in the fall student veteran welcome, the Veterans Day Fun Run, co-hosted the College of Law's fifth annual Veterans Day Celebration, and teamed up with Volunteer Lawyers Project of CNY for Valor Day at the New York State Fairgrounds. Before the Thanksgiving holiday, the MVLS distributed 125 free turkeys to area veterans in partnership with Tully Rinckey law firm.

In the spring, the MVLS had the honor of hosting Lieutenant General Stuart Risch, The Judge Advocate General of the Army (TJAG), his recruiting team, and members of the 10th Mountain Division's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. The group enjoyed a tailgate at the College of Law prior to an SU Men's Basketball game complete with half court spotlight. The next day Army JAG Officers met with law school students to share perspectives about what it means to serve your country as an officer and an attorney. The culmination of the visit was LTG Risch's address to the College of Law community on "Lawyers as Leaders."



ADMISSIONS



CONNECT WITH THE VETERAN ADMISSION TEAM

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY OFFERS:

MORE THAN
200
MAJORS

100
DIFFERENT MINORS

FOR STUDENTS TO EXPLORE THEIR INTERESTS



SINCE 2015, THE VETERAN ADMISSIONS TEAM HAS HELPED INCREASE MILITARY-CONNECTED ENROLLMENT BY

OVER 300%

MILITARY VISUAL JOURNALISM

For six decades, Syracuse University's Newhouse School has been the home to the Military Visual Journalism Program. Active-duty Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and Soldiers who are Mass Communication/Public Affairs specialists study at Newhouse for 10 months under a contract with the Department of the Navy (DON).

While at Newhouse, students hone their skills and become higher-level storytellers for their service, taking classes in Photography, Broadcast and Digital Journalism, Sound, Documentary, Multimedia, Social Media, Design, and Communications.

The students who study at Newhouse are non-commissioned officers. This year, eight Sailors and seven Marines earned a certificate of completion, along with 30 credit hours and the ability to matriculate to Syracuse University to earn a bachelor's degree from Newhouse.



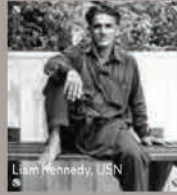
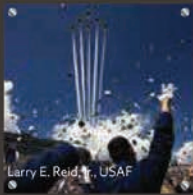
SEBASTIN JUNGER

FILMMAKER, JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR

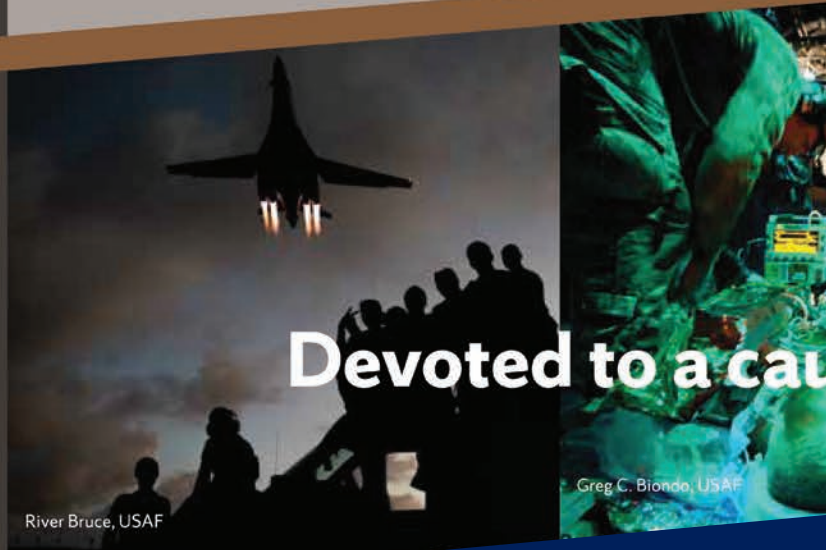
Award-winning documentary filmmaker, journalist and author Sebastian Junger covered the dangerous frontier environment of Afghanistan's civil war before the arrival of U.S. forces in late 2001 and embedded with U.S. forces in some of the most remote locations in the war-torn nation afterward. Junger spoke to an audience of students from Newhouse's Military Visual Journalism (MVJ) program. The 10-month course is restricted to Department of the Navy (DoN) mid-career communications professionals who, typically, are among the top performers among their peers. Junger shared what life changing events he experienced while being on the front lines with U.S. forces.



MILITARY VISUAL JOURNALISM PROGRAM



Nation's Storytellers



Devoted to a cause



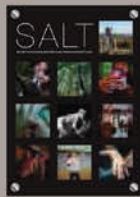
Perry Aston, USAF



Jeffrey B. Anderson, USMC



Melissa Parrish, USA



Since 1963, SALT magazine has been produced annually by the active-duty Marines, Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen who report to "Salt City" for the Military Photojournalism Program at Syracuse University.

After more than half a century of legacy and tradition under various monikers, the name changes to SALT, an homage to the city reflected in its pages and nicknamed for its abundance of the ubiquitous mineral. Salt preserves. Salt enhances. In much the same way, journalism preserves essential stories and enhances our shared human experience.



Kowshon Ye, USMC



NEW EXHIBIT

IN THE NATIONAL VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

Since 1963, active-duty military students have been among the students at the S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

It began with the Navy and its desire to bring Navy photojournalists to a higher level—to match the newspaper journalists of the day. The program, now named the Military Visual Journalism Program (MVJ), sent enlisted Sailors to the school for 10 months. Seeing the success of the program, soon other services wanted this type of education for their photojournalists and the program grew in numbers.

For the first 25 years, the program taught mostly photojournalism, law and writing. But in 1993, a motion media track was added. Along with writing and law, this group took classes in broadcast journalism and television/radio/film production.

The program has evolved over the years to stay current with advancements in communication and storytelling. In 2023, MVJ added a graphic design track and MVJ's curriculum changed to include innovations in digital media production and social media.

For more than 10 years now career fields have been merged by the Department of Defense. Despite having three programs—photojournalism, motion media and graphic design, all students are considered mass communication specialists.

After 60 years, the Military Visual Journalism program is part of the fiber of the Newhouse School, and we are proud of this partnership and the nation's storytellers that we shape.



use, ideal and purpose.

Gregory Heisler, Distinguished Professor of Photography

EMPOWERING STUDENT VETERANS WITH TOOLS TO NAVIGATE THEIR CAREER JOURNEY

Syracuse University Veteran Career Services is a comprehensive career center dedicated to supporting military-connected students in their career pathways. The center focuses on various aspects, including career advising and development, employer relations and engagement, programs and events, resources and enterprise technologies, mentorship, and alumni engagement, as well as data collection and outcomes reports.

Throughout this year Veteran Career Services (VCS) actively engaged with employers, alumni, and most importantly the student veteran community to foster opportunities and connections that support their career pathways. VCS organized career events, workshops, and mentorship programs to facilitate networking and career development. Participants gained invaluable insights into these organizations, their career prospects, and the effective ways to leverage their military experience.

HIGHLIGHTS OF VETERAN CAREER SERVICES IN THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

CAREER PATHWAYS & EMPLOYER CONNECTIONS SERIES

In partnership with Arizona State's Pat Tillman Veteran Center, Syracuse University Veteran Career Services presented the Student Veterans Career Pathways & Employer Connections Series. The series showcased renowned organizations such as Fiserv, Deloitte, Raytheon, Boeing, and the Secret Service. Each session delivered intimate and informative discussions exclusively designed to support student veterans in excelling in their careers. Participants gained invaluable insights into these opportunities.



Fiserv



EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES: CAREER IMMERSION TRIPS

As part of the Paul Dottle Career Immersion Trip Endowment, Veteran Career Services once again provided Syracuse University student veterans the opportunity to participate in two career immersion trips to NYC and Atlanta, GA. These career immersion trips provided valuable experiences for student veterans to expand their networks, gain exposure to different industries, make informed decisions about their future careers, and experience the cities' culture. In both the NYC and Atlanta career immersion trips, participants are typically encouraged to leverage the knowledge and connections gained during the trip to advance their career goals. They may seek internship or job opportunities, maintain professional relationships, and continue to explore the industries and locations they found most interesting.

NYC Career Immersion Trip

The Student Veteran Career Immersion Trip to NYC included visits to companies like Fiserv, LinkedIn, and Bloomberg, and attend an Alumni Event at Lubin House, which provided a platform for the student veterans to connect with successful graduates who shared valuable insights and advice.

Additionally, the trip included cultural experiences such as a

visit to the iconic landmark the Empire State Building, attend a live taping of the Stephen Colbert Show, and time to explore the vibrant atmosphere of the city. Participants also had the opportunity to bond with fellow students and build networks within their community.

The trip was a resounding success, enabling the student veterans to explore various career paths, connect with professionals, and gain valuable insights into transitioning into civilian careers.



Alumni Event at Lubin House in New York City with SU basketball legend John Wallace '96.



LinkedIn



Bloomberg

Atlanta Career Immersion Trip

The Atlanta Career Immersion Trip follows a similar format to the NYC trip but takes place in Atlanta, Georgia. During the Atlanta Career Immersion Trip, student veterans visited companies and organizations such as Warrior Alliance, Delta Air Lines, Ernst & Young, Amazon Web Service, Chick-Fil-A, Fiserv, and Tyler Perry

Studios. The trip was further enhanced by the generous support of the Atlanta Regional Council who hosted student veterans for a Reception, Alumni Dinners, and an Open House Event. While in Atlanta, the student veterans received a personal tour of the Atlanta Braves Stadium and attended an Atlanta Hawks game.



A special thank you to Mickey G'88 and Dr. Lynette '89 Hall and Atlanta Regional Council for their gracious hospitality.



Amazon Web Services



Chick-Fil-A



Delta Air Lines

THE OVMA UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP AWARD

The Office of Veteran and Military Affairs (OVMA) at Syracuse University takes great pride in announcing the launch of the Undergraduate Internship Award for the 2022-23 academic year. This award program offers student veterans at Syracuse University a remarkable opportunity to overcome financial barriers and fully immerse themselves in transformative internship experiences.

In the 2022-23 academic year, the Undergraduate Internship Award demonstrated its commitment by allocating \$54,000 to support 13 student veterans who demonstrated financial need and met the application requirements. Each awardee successfully showcased how the requested funds would directly impact their ability to participate in internships.

By offering the Internship Award, the OVMA is dedicated to empowering student veterans and facilitating their professional growth. It addresses the financial barriers that might otherwise prevent them from making the most of valuable summer internship experiences. This award not only recognizes the unique contributions of veterans but also underscores the university's unwavering commitment to supporting those who have served our country.

It is worth noting that a total of \$90,000 in internship awards have been disbursed to student veterans to date.

The OVMA extends its congratulations to this year's internship award recipients:



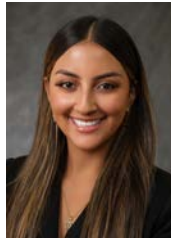
JEAN CASTILLA

Air Force National Guard
Martin J. Whitman School of Management
Class of 2023
Internship: CBRE | New York City, NY



RAPHAEL GROLLMUS

U.S. Marine Corps
The College of Arts & Sciences
Class of 2024
Internship: Department of State | Washington, DC



STEPHANIE GUILLEN

U.S. Army National Guard
Martin J. Whitman School of Management
Class of 2024
Internship: Ernst and Yung | New York City, NY



CARL RAY INGRAM III

U.S. Army
The College of Arts & Sciences
Class of 2023
Internship: Syracuse University | Syracuse, NY



JOSE A. MORALES

U.S. Army
School of Architecture
Class of 2023
Internship: HOLT Architects P.C. | Syracuse, NY



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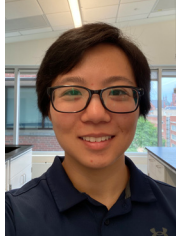
U.S. Army
Civil Engineering
Class of 2024
Internship: New York Thruway Authority | Liverpool, NY



SAVION POLLARD

U.S. Navy
College of Engineering and Computer Science
Class of 2025
Internship: Micron | Manassas, VA





PEI REN

Syracuse University Army ROTC Cadet
College of Engineering and Computer Science
Class of 2024

Internship: Syracuse University's Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering Department | Syracuse, NY



RAUL ROSQUE, JR.

U.S. Navy
Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics
Class of 2023

Internship: Syracuse University's D'Aniello Institute for Veterans & Military Families | Syracuse, NY



JUSTIN SAUVE

U.S. Marine Corps
College of Engineering and Computer Science
Class of 2024

Internship: Carrier Global | Syracuse, NY



DANIEL SOLIS

U.S. Marine Corps
Martin J. Whitman School of Management
Class of 2024

Internship: Defense Contract Audit Agency | Syracuse, NY



JOSH STANTON

U.S. Army
Martin J. Whitman School of Management
Class of 2024

Internship: Southern Glazers Wine & Spirits | Syracuse, NY



ANDREW WELLIVER

U.S. Coast Guard
S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications
Class of 2025

Internship: Eagle Newspapers | Syracuse, NY



BREAKING BARRIERS: UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP AWARD EMPOWERING STUDENT VETERANS

JEAN CASTILLA

INTERNSHIP AWARD WINNER

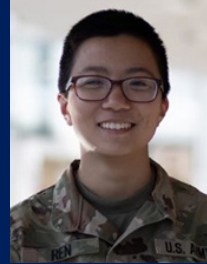


Jean Castilla, who will graduate from Syracuse University's Martin J. Whitman School of Management in May 2024 with a B.S. in Entrepreneurship and Emerging Enterprises and a minor in Information Management and Technology from the School of

Information Studies, is currently serving as a Crew Chief in the Air Force National Guard in Syracuse, NY since June 2020. Concurrently, he is completing an internship as a Life Sciences Intern at CBRE in New York, NY learning from an experienced team of brokers to facilitate deal closures and manages prospects within the internal tracking database, in addition to preparing marketing and financial analysis presentations.

PEI REN

INTERNSHIP AWARD WINNER



Pei Ren, a senior in mechanical engineering at Syracuse University's College of Engineering and Computer Science, combines her background as a U.S. Army intelligence analyst with her current role as an Army cadet. This summer, she's engaged in research at the

Squishy and Flowy Matter Lab, delving into the mechanics of adhesive tapes and blisters, while actively seeking opportunities to advance her engineering, data analysis, and leadership skills. Graduating in May 2024, Pei Ren aspires to leverage her mechanical engineering education and military experience to make a meaningful impact.

MAKING CONNECTIONS: EMPLOYER NETWORKING RECEPTION

The Student Veteran & Employer Networking Reception is exclusively for Syracuse University Student Veterans to connect with employer to build their network, explore career opportunities and industries, and to create a deeper understanding of the value of their military experience on the civilian sector.

The student veterans who attended the Networking Reception indicated an overall satisfaction with the event and highlight its positive impact on creating a sense of community between student veterans and employers. In sum, the student veterans valued the Networking Reception for facilitating networking, career exploration, and job and internship opportunities. Overall, the student veterans highlighted the significance of such events for military-connected students, acknowledging their positive impact on their success

Here are the key points from the survey responses:

- **Satisfaction:** The majority of respondents expressed high levels of satisfaction with the event, with ratings ranging from 8 to 10.
- **Likelihood to Attend Future Events:** Most respondents indicated a high likelihood of attending similar networking events in the future, suggesting a positive experience and interest in further engagement.
- **Community Building:** Participants found that the event successfully fostered a sense of community between student veterans and employers, emphasizing the importance of such gatherings.
- **Professional Connections and Opportunities:** The event was viewed as beneficial for developing professional connections, career goals, and finding potential employment opportunities.
- **Notable Employers:** Several employers received positive mentions for their engagement and networking experiences, including Paramount VetNet, Idaho National Laboratories, Core of Engineers, FBI, U.S. Air Marshals, Lockheed, PGA Tour, JMA Wireless, and Ernst & Young.

Overall, Syracuse University Veteran Career Services provides a comprehensive range of support to military-connected students, empowering them to successfully navigate their career journeys. The center's focus on self-discovery, skill-building, and taking action, combined with robust networking opportunities and resources, contributes to the positive outcomes achieved by student veterans at Syracuse University.

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Veterans Day Ceremony

K.G. Tan Auditorium

HONORING ALL WHO HAVE SERVED

Reception to Follow:

BISIGNANO GRAND HALL OF THE NVRC

VETERANS DAY

Every year the nation pauses on Nov. 11 to honor those who have served in the military on Veterans Day. With Syracuse University being renowned as the Best Place for Veterans, it's no surprise the University goes the extra mile to recognize the day every year. Chancellor Kent Syverud was on hand to speak about the University's continued commitment Syracuse University has to the military community and introduced the keynote speaker, retired U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Danelle Barrett G'04. The Veterans Day program concluded with a spectacular lunch in the Bisignano Grand Hall.



VETERANS DAY PROFILES



Jennifer Aquino '23 graduated with a degree in linguistics from the College of Arts and Sciences. Aquino was 27 when she reported for basic training with the Navy. "Something was inside of me telling me I was created for more, I had a passion inside of me and I needed to find out what that was," said Aquino. Aquino sees both her military service and her time in college as contributing to something much larger. "It's molding you to become better educated, and hopefully to become a better citizen."



Adrian Byrne (L'23), spent every other summer in his mother's home country of Hungary. During his senior year of college, he started considering law school. "She told me that Syracuse was a great place for veterans, and at the time I had started to consider going to law school. I looked at Syracuse's law school along with several others, but I liked what I saw here with their support for veterans and ended up applying," said Byrne.



Dr. Jack Graver
"I was pretty young during the depression, but I remember extended family all moving together under one roof," says Dr. Jack Graver, a professor in the mathematics department. "We would have dinners and parties with another family that lived nearby. People found ways to come together and have a good time even when resources were scarce." Graver didn't see himself becoming a mathematician during those early years, instead he had plans to become a naturalist. Dr. Jack Graver and his wife live in the Syracuse area today after having raised their three children here. Undoubtedly, the campus would look drastically different without the presence of the military-connected community. While he has stepped back from the campus politics to help care for his wife, Graver says he's interested in getting involved once again one day if he is able to do so.

Amanda Lalonde '23 wasn't your typical college student. She took a full course load in the College of Arts & Sciences, had an internship, was involved in several student organizations, and was an orientation leader.



"I found something I'm really passionate about and something I want to dedicate myself to; and that's helping student veterans." Amanda earned degrees in psychology and forensic science and enjoys learning about human behavior and says the lessons she's learned are especially interesting as a parent to children with ADHD.



U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Stephen Snelson '97, earned a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the College of Engineering and Computer Science. "If you had told Cadet Snelson in 1993 or 1994 that I'd be 26 years into a career in the Air Force as a two-time wing commander and one-star general, I never would have thought that was in the realm of possibilities," Snelson says. "But it also speaks to the lessons learned and my approach to life, and it's amazing how those lessons carry you through life. I learned those lessons and built the foundation of leadership at Syracuse University."



SYRACUSE VA CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION & EXHIBIT

This year the Syracuse University Office of Veteran and Military Affairs partnered with Syracuse VA Medical Center to support their nationwide, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities use the creative arts as one form of rehabilitative treatment. This collaboration helps veterans recover from and cope with physical and emotional disabilities. Now in its 27th year, the Syracuse VA Creative Arts Competition collects works of art, music, creative writing, drama and dance by Veterans enrolled at VA healthcare facilities. This art exhibit was showcased in the NVRC displayed art made by local veterans for the competition and is a collaboration between the National Veterans Resource Center Art Gallery and the Syracuse VA. OVMA Executive Director and United States Army Col. (Ret) Ron Novack provided opening comments at the beginning of the fall semester.



NATIONAL VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER (NVRC)



LEED New Building Construction Award



National Veterans Resource Center (NVRC) at the Dan and Gayle D'Aniello Building has been recognized for being green in an entirely different way. Last week, the U.S. Green Building

Council (USGBC) recognized Syracuse University for the NVRC at its 2022 Upstate Leadership Awards Gala with the presentation of the Judge's Choice Award. The USGBC is a non-profit organization that promotes sustainability in building design, construction, and operation. Its awards, given at events held in different regions throughout the country, honor excellence in high-performance and healthy buildings, environmental stewardship, and community impact. The organization also sets the criteria for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifications, which aims to help building owners and operations be environmentally responsible and use resources efficiently.

SPECIAL EVENTS & VIP VISITS



Retired United States Air Force Colonel, astronaut, and former NASA deputy administrator Fredrick Gregory visited Syracuse University this past spring. Gregory toured campus, met with student groups, then shared his experiences in space flight and discussed the future of space exploration. He also recognized Alexander Metcalf '22, G'23 and Matt Cufari '23, two recent Syracuse University recipients of the Astronaut Scholarship. During his time in the Air Force, Gregory logged approximately 7,000 hours in more than 50 types of aircraft as a helicopter, fighter and test pilot. He flew 550 combat rescue missions in Vietnam.



The Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army, Lieutenant General Stuart W. Risch (left), speaks with Executive Director of the Betty and Michael D. Wohl Veterans Legal Clinic Professor Beth Kubala and Assistant Dean of Career Services Lily Yang Hughes (center) before speaking to a group of current students, members of the JAG, and distinguished guests on the topic of National Security Law. Later that day General Risch toured the NVRC and was recognized that evening at the Syracuse University Men's Basketball versus Georgia Tech.



United States Navy Rear Admiral (RADM) Grafton Chase '83 visited campus for a tour of the NVRC and met with Army and Air Force ROTC. He also met with Vice Chancellor Mike Haynie, IVMF Founder & Executive Director Dr. Haynie, leaders from OVMA, IVMF and Nation Security and Policy Studies Program RADM Chase earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Syracuse University in 1983 and was commissioned through the Naval Officer Candidate School in 1986.



Cydney Johnson '77, G'96, Syracuse University's vice president of community engagement and government relations, was invited to unveil her father's plaque during a surprise ceremony held in the National Veterans Resource Center (NVRC). On hand to share in the touching moment were Cydney's husband, Jeffrey Comanici '88, as well as staff, faculty and students from the military-connected community.

WELCOMES AND DEPARTURES



Matthew Cunningham joined the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs and hit the ground running in the fall semester as operations manager. Prior to coming to Syracuse University, Matt primarily worked in college athletics at higher education institutions such as: Cornell University, State University of New York at Cortland, and Stony Brook University.

LTC Matthew Coyne, head of the Army ROTC program, posing with his wife, Maria, and children Jamison and Addison.

"You can see the results of what they've done to make Syracuse the best place for veterans. These are tangible things in terms of the programs and infrastructure here," says Coyne. "The framework they have in place is a critical point for me to share with students and parents."



With more than 100 Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets under his charge, **LTC Matthew Coyne** has stepped into his new role as professor of military science at Syracuse University with gusto last summer.

"I'm extremely fortunate for the opportunity to be here," Coyne says. "I'm excited to be part of a university that supports the military community as much as Syracuse does."

Coyne has already appreciated the significance of this institutional support, which affirms his decision to mentor future military leaders on campus. Just four days into Coyne's new job, Chancellor Kent Syverud visited the National Veterans Resource Center at the Daniel and Gayle D'Aniello Building (NVRC) to outline the University's deep history of supporting military-connected students alongside priorities for the One University Veteran/Military Initiative. Military-connected students and programs are one of the top priorities for university leadership, and to Coyne, it shows.



Lauren Pyland '12 departed the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs this past year after seven years of commitment and dedication as the OVMA Operations Manager. She was one of the most important team members here at the OVMA and we were lucky to have such an amazing person to work with. We wish her the absolute best in her next adventure, and we know she'll do incredible things in her future!



Syracuse University's Office of Veterans and Military Affairs (OVMA) said their farewell to U.S. Air Force **Lt Col Ryan Lippert**. Lippert completed a two-year assignment as the commander of Syracuse University's Air Force ROTC program, which is the oldest Air Force ROTC programs in the nation; tracing its roots back to the Army Air Corps. Ryan will be retiring from Air Force after almost three decades of service. We wish him well in all his future endeavors.

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PLACE FOR VETERANS—A YEAR IN REVIEW



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SAVION POLLARD '25



As a student veteran, what can you expect from Syracuse University? What distinguishes this institution from others? A Syracuse University student veteran, Savion Pollard, shares his incredible experiences studying at the University.

“It would be very difficult to not get involved,” Pollard said, “because everyone here just wants the best for you and just wants you to be a part of the community.”

Savion Pollard '25, a Navy Veteran and electrical engineering major in the College of Engineering and Computer Science was invited by the office of Senator Chuck Schumer to attend the State of the Union.

MILITARY-CONNECTED FEATURES

Aaron Cass '21



As a mortarman with the U.S. Army, Aaron Cass '21 knows a thing or two about camaraderie, which is why he was pleasantly surprised by the sense of teamwork he discovered while pursuing his degree in the Syracuse University School of Architecture.

Looking to gain some independence, Cass joined the Army out of high school to find out who he was and what he wanted to do in life, deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan. His four years in the service provided him with “nuggets of gold” for which he is thankful. “I learned how to be independent and take care of myself, and I met my wife,” says Cass. “There are all these little things that if I were to go back in time and not join the Army, I would not be where I am. I’m glad I did, because I am happy with who I am today.”

Sergeant Kelsey Dornfeld



Marine Corps Sergeant Kelsey Dornfeld has enjoyed her success working in communications, she says her long-term career goals are more

focused on teaching children rather than photojournalism. “I figured out during my second or third year in the Marine Corps that I found a lot of joy in teaching fellow Marines. It’s rewarding when you see that ‘ah-ha!’ moment in their eyes when they learn something new,” says Dornfeld. “I also love children, and being an elementary school teacher would combine working with kids and teaching them the foundations they’ll use the rest of their lives.”

After graduating from the Military Visual Journalism Program in May, Dornfeld will be assigned to duty at the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia.

Khloe Gage '25



Khloe Gage '25, a military-connected student studying economics in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, is the daughter of Lt. Col. Kim Lee Gage, who served in the U.S. Army. She was also recently selected as the recipient of the James Lyons '03 Sons and Daughters Memorial Scholarship. The James Lyons '03 Sons and Daughters Memorial Scholarship is named after Syracuse University alumnus 1st Lt. James Lyons, who graduated with an undergraduate degree in biochemistry. Lyons was killed in action in southern Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2006 and is believed to be the first Syracuse University graduate killed in the conflict. “Since enrolling at Syracuse University, the support and connections I have made have been positively overwhelming. As a sophomore, I know Syracuse University supports my growth and exploration not only a student, but as a person,” says Gage. “Right now I’m excited for the immediate future with the OVMA. I’m excited for new connections, more laughter, greater experiences and the unknown that I cannot wait for.”

Sergeant Major (SGM) Justin Hood G'22



U.S. Army Sergeant Major (SGM) Justin Hood G'22 was initially assigned to the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy Fellowship Program to assist program fellows. Hood was helping support the fellowship programs at the Academy and became intimately aware of the relationship being built with Syracuse University. Hood says, “I was there when the partnership was first started and was excited to see what that IDDE program was going to bring for my SGM fellows.” After seeing the program’s

success, Hood enrolled himself. Within a week he knew he had made the right decision as he was exploring concepts he had never learned before and embracing the challenges that came with new learning. Last August, Justin joined the rest of his cohort at Fort Bliss for a special graduation ceremony. After graduation, Hood has his eyes set on continuing his education and starting his own business.

Jordan Nuber '19



Jordan Nuber '19 is stationed in Okinawa, Japan, more than 7,400 miles away from Syracuse University. Even though he’s more than half a world away from his alma mater, the impact Syracuse University had on Nuber is profound.

“I would recommend Syracuse University to any veteran,” says Nuber, who earned a bachelor’s degree in international relations from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

“I enlisted in the Marine Corps when I was 18. So right out of high school, I did four years enlisted active duty as a data systems administrator,” Nuber says.

His time as a Marine gave Nuber an appreciation for communications on a global scale, so once he was done with active duty, Nuber decided to enhance his understanding of global communications issues. Maxwell was the perfect choice, as it was both close to Nuber’s home and offered a chance to build upon the lessons learned in the Marines.

Col. Kecia Troy G'12



U.S. Army Col. Kecia Troy G'12, with 25 years of service, knows just how difficult it is to maintain that support successfully.

Outfitting a modern military with state-of-the-art equipment requires experienced

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MILITARY-CONNECTED FEATURES (CONTINUED)

individuals like Troy, who manages the complex process of developing, procuring, and distributing critical capabilities and systems. Troy, who serves as a defense acquisition program manager, says one of the reasons the Army can meet the challenges of delivering these vital capabilities is through its solid partnership with the defense industrial base.

“The systems acquisition community works closely with the defense industry, ensuring they understand our emerging mission requirements and the capabilities that we will need to maintain the technological edge over our peer and near-peer adversaries,” says Troy, who earned a master’s degree in supply chain management from the Whitman School of Management. “This partnership lets us leverage businesses who foster innovative ideas and develop.”

William Watts '94



William Watts '94 retired from the Army a year after his twin brother and Army veteran Clarence '94 passed. He currently works for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as

a field examiner near Columbia, Georgia. In his role he works with homeless veterans to help them take care of the financial benefits they receive from the VA.

“I don’t get star struck with celebrities or big-name athletes. They can score 50 points in a game, and that’s great, but this guy over here is making decisions with lives at stake, they’re getting soldiers back home under some intense pressure,” William said, “You meet people in the military who have worldwide impact with their decisions, and to be in their presence is a great experience.”

Emily Weaver '24



Emily Weaver '24, a cadet with the U.S. Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) at Syracuse University, is among one-quarter of young adults who are

interested in serving and have at least one parent who has served as well.

“My experience growing up was a little bit different from those that I went to school with,” says Weaver, a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences where she is pursuing a triple major in earth science, forensic science, and anthropology. “I grew up in a military family, my dad served in the U.S. Navy for 34 years and retired as a commander, but he was constantly deployed. My brother and I just understood from a young age that being in the military comes with sacrifice and a difficult lifestyle.”

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MORE THAN
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student veterans certified for Veteran Administration (VA) education benefits this academic year.



ALMOST
350 Yellow Ribbon scholarships awarded
TOTALING \$3.1M FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR

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\$17.7M in total VA Payments to the university

July 1st, 2020 - June 30th, 2021:

\$19.1M total VA payments to the university



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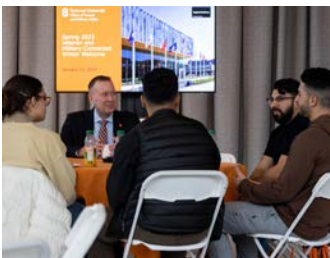


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Chancellor's Review

2023



The U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps assembled inside the JMA Wireless Dome for the 106th Chancellor's Review. Chancellor Kent Syverud, the University's 12th Chancellor who called upon the campus community to make Syracuse University the best place for veterans, conducted the pass and review of cadets, escorted by U.S. Army Lt. Col. Matthew Coyne and U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Ryan Lippert, the ranking members of the respective ROTC units.

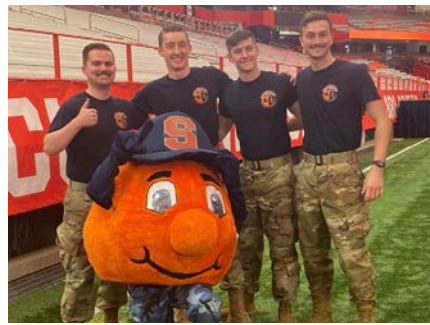


Army and Air Force

ROTC



The Syracuse Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Program hosted the JROTC Fitness Challenge in the JMA Wireless Dome. This event brought together JROTC cadets from eight schools across New York State. Students take part in numerous military exercises and learned more about what it's like to be in the U.S. Army Cadet Command (ROTC) and having a career in the military. What better place to learn that than at Syracuse University, home of one of the longest continuously running ROTC programs in the nation!



As they fly and aim high, 16 U.S. Air Force ROTC Cadets are participating in an intense 2 weeks of field training at Maxwell Air force based in Alabama. These cadets were pushed to their limits and represented Syracuse University and Air Force Detachment 535 with distinction.



Battle of New York



Sharp 5K Run



Syracuse University's Army ROTC will hosted a SHARP 5K Run/Walk/Roll for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The 5K, organized by cadets Madeline R. Messare '22 and Lillian McGowen '23, is open to all students, faculty and staff and is intended to educate and spread awareness about sexual harassment and sexual assault. SHARP



United States Air Force Lt. Col Sean Stumpf '07 returned to campus to share his knowledge and leadership lessons with current cadets with Air Force ROTC Detachment 535. "My fellow pilot, a Syracuse native, and I thought it would be an incredible opportunity for the cadets to get a live look at the C-130J and its dynamic mission," Stumpf says.



STARS & STRIPES TAILGATE

A Day for Celebrating Our Military Service Members, Veterans and their Families



At the Military Appreciation Game Syracuse took on Florida State in the JMA Wireless Dome. Prior to the game, the OVMA hosted its 8th annual Stars and Stripes Tailgate event, a free, invite-only pre-game party for service members, veterans, and their families from the region. More than 650 people signed up for the celebration, which was hosted at the John A. Lally Athletics Complex and featured raffle prizes, an appearance from Otto and free tickets to the game along with provided transportation to and from the JMA Dome.

2022-2022 HOME TOWN HEROES



Sept. 3, 2022
SU Football vs. Louisville
Anthony Ruscitto, '22, G'23
USMC Veteran



Sept. 11, 2022
SU Women's Soccer vs. Cornell
Pei Ren, Army ROTC Cadet and
U.S. Army Veteran



Sept. 17, 2022,
SU Football vs Purdue
Lauren Pyland, '12
U.S. Army Veteran



Sept. 23, 2022
SU Football vs Virginia
Bob Gang, '39, L'42
U.S. Army Veteran



Sept. 25, 2022
SU Field Hockey vs Dartmouth
MSgt Alicia Gopee
U.S. Air Force



Oct 01, 2022
SU Football vs Wagner
Melvin Stith, G73, Ph.D. 78
U.S. Army Veteran



Oct 07, 2022
SU Men's Soccer vs. Wake Forest
Jack Pullano
U.S. Air Force Veteran



Oct 15, 2022
SU Football vs NC State
Mike Drum & Colleen Schuster,
USMC Veterans



Oct 29, 2022
SU Football vs. Notre Dame
Rich Jones, '92, G'95, L'95
SSG U.S. Army Retired



Nov 04, 2022
SU Volleyball vs Louisville
Raul Rosique
U.S. Navy Veteran



Nov 12, 2022
SU Football vs Florida State
RADM John Okon
U.S. Navy



Nov 19, 2022
SU Men's Basketball vs.
Northeastern
SGT Samuel Ruiz, USMC



Jan 26, 2023
SU Women's Basketball vs Virginia
Jennifer Aquino, '23
U.S. Navy Veteran



Feb 12, 2023
SU Men's Lacrosse vs Holy Cross
Raphael Grollmus '24
U.S. Marine Corps Veteran



Mar 22, 2023
SU Women's Lacrosse vs.
Stony Brook,
PO2 Alexis Perez, US Navy



May 07, 2023
SU Softball vs. Virginia
LTC David Sly
U.S. Army

STUDENT VETERAN ORGANIZATION



FOOD DRIVE

Members of the Student Veterans Organization (SVO) at Syracuse University rallied under the spirit of volunteerism to support the campus and greater Syracuse community. The organization set up a table in the Schine Student Center amid the final weeks of the fall semester. Through the hectic schedule of the holidays and final exams, military-connected students collected donations to help individuals in need and ventured out into the first snowstorm of the season to honor the memory of Central New York veterans who came before them.



CHANCELLOR'S DINNER

Chancellor Kent Syverud and Dr. Ruth Chen hosted the Syracuse University Office of Veteran and Military Affairs for dinner in the spring semester. This was an opportunity for Chancellor Syverud and Dr. Chen to share their appreciation and unwavering commitment to supporting our Syracuse University Student Veterans and Military-Connected Students.

Thank you Chancellor Syverud and Dr. Chen!



STUDENT VETERAN OF THE YEAR



MONTHLY LUNCHEON



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

This past December, the Syracuse University Student Veterans Organization (SVO) remembered and honor deceased veterans laid to rest at Oakwood Cemetery as part of National Wreaths Across America Day. The SVO was part of a nationally coordinated wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 3,700 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.



SVO BALL

The Student Veterans Organization was able to host their first awards ball since 2019. The event was hosted on Saturday, April 1, 2023, in the Bisignano Grand Hall at the D’Aniello National Veterans Resource Center. The event was catered by Syracuse catering and allowed members of the student veteran community to dress up and celebrate their accomplishments throughout the year. Many of the local businesses in the area provided donations for raffles such as the Syracuse Mets, Crazy Mike’s, Glazed & Confused, Chocolate Pizza Company, Gino’s Cheese Steak and Onion, the Syracuse University Campus Store, Syracuse Athletics, and the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs. The formal portion of the evening brought back Katy Quartaro ’18 G’20, a Marine Corps veteran who completed a bachelors and masters degree at SU and was also a Tilman Scholar, as the student guest speaker. The formal portion of the evening also included awards to recognize some of the individuals who have made significant contributions to the veteran and military connected student population. The SVO recognized Raul “Rudy” Rosique as Best for Vets and Savion Pollard received the Community Support Award. New awards introduced this year by the SVO were Outstanding Faculty Member, awarded to Jonathan French, and Outstanding Staff Member, awarded to Kari Mickinkle. The SVO also introduced a few humorous awards that allowed them to celebrate their camaraderie by poking fun at one another. The awards were closed out with two OVMA awards which were the Danny Facto Student Veteran Work-Study Award, given to Brian McDonald and Student Veteran of the Year was given to outgoing SVO President, Anthony Ruscitto. The formal portion of the event was concluded with the new SVO board being announced. Elected to the board were John Nipper-President, Brian McDonald-Vice President, Savion Pollard-Treasurer, Raul “Rudy” Rosique-Secretary, Jack Pullano-Public Affairs Officer, and Tristan Whipps-Community Outreach Coordinator.

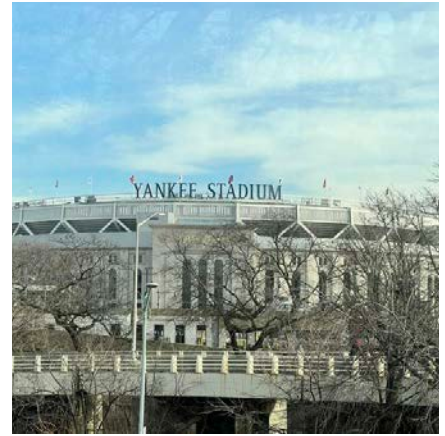


LATE NIGHT SHOW

Jean Castilla '24 from the Martin J. Whitman School of Management and other student veterans from Syracuse University had an incredible experience during a career immersion trip. This group joined the Paramount Veterans Network, Wounded Warrior Project, and Veterans in Media & Entertainment to attend a live taping of the #1 Late Night Show, 'The Late Show with Stephen Colbert.' It was an unforgettable night with laughter and support for our veterans and military families!



PINSTRIPLE BOWL—NYC



MURPH CHALLENGE



PAINT & SIP

A Paint and Sip event was hosted by the Student Veteran Organization to facilitate an environment for military-connected women to interact with each other. There was a turnout of nine individuals who were able to enjoy some time either connecting with new people, or spending time with friends outside of their homes.



ALUMNI STORY

FIRST LT. MYLES ESMAY '40



More than 77 years after his death, a Syracuse University alumnus was finally laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. First Lt. Myles Esmay '40 fought bravely for the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater during World War II. On Aug. 1, 2022, loved ones, family and friends gathered at Esmay's gravesite to celebrate and honor his life and service. Retired U.S. Army Col. Ron Novack, executive director of Syracuse University's Office of Veteran and Military Affairs, and Dr. Ruth Chen, professor of practice in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, were on hand to pay respect to Esmay's family on behalf of the Syracuse University community. The flag from Esmay's casket is presented to his family during the Arlington service.

Esmay had deep ties to Central New York. A Utica-area native, he received a scholarship to the New York State College of Forestry—originally founded within Syracuse University. As a student, he joined ROTC, worked for the school newspaper and served as the director of what was then known as the Forestry Club. After graduation with honors in June 1940, Esmay served as an infantry engineer in Company B of the 236th Engineer Combat Battalion.



VETERAN AFFINITY GROUP



The Syracuse University Veterans Affinity Group is an inclusive organization that is open to all employees of the University community who have served in the Armed Forces or those who support those who have served our country. The affinity group aims to build community through community engagement and service projects.

SU MIL-VET AWARD—MEL STITH G'73, PH.D. '78



This past October Dr. Melvin Stith G'73, Ph.D. '78 was awarded the Syracuse University Military and Veteran Award; the highest honor bestowed an alum that has served or is currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.



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CIVILIAN SERVICE WALL OF HONOR

In 1973, the U.S. military eliminated the draft and adopted an all-volunteer model of military service. One of the foundational assumptions of the all-volunteer military is that those who benefit from the military service of others incur a moral obligation. Specifically, a moral obligation to act to ensure that when it is time for our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines to take off the uniform, the civilian services and resources are in place to support veterans as they transition back to the communities they call home.

This same assumption also motivates Syracuse University's commitment to the nation's veterans and the military-connected community, and this is why the Civilian Service Wall of Honor was launched.

"The Civilian Service Wall of Honor will forever recognize non-veteran members of our university community who have committed to meaningful action that provides prosperity for our nation's veterans and military families," said J. Michael Haynie, vice chancellor for strategic initiatives and innovation and founder and executive director of the D'Aniello Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF).

Three alumni were honored for their support of and commitment to veterans as the first members of the Civilian Service Wall of Honor within the National Veterans Resource Center at the Daniel and Gayle D'Aniello Building.

The honorees—Patricia Mautino '64, G'66, vice chair of the Board of Trustees; Steve Barnes '82, H'19, chairman emeritus of the Board of Trustees; and Tom Foley G'81—were inaugurated at a recent ceremony.

The Civilian Service Wall of Honor recognizes those non-veteran, civilian members of the University community who have committed to sustained meaningful action to advance opportunity and prosperity for the nation's veterans and their families.



Vice Chancellor J. Michael Haynie honored Patricia Mautino '64 and Steve Barnes '82, H'19 during a ceremony to launch the Civilian Service Wall of Honor.

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"Wall of Service" located inside of the National Veteran Resource Center tells the individual stories of Syracuse University's current military-connected students, veteran alumni, and employees using self-submitted content. These stories play an important role in making Syracuse University the "Best Place for Veterans™."

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DANIEL AND GAYLE D’ANIELLO ENDOWED FLORENCE SCHOLARSHIP



Daniel ’68, H’20 and Gayle D’Aniello Donate \$10M to Invigorate Syracuse Abroad Florence Program, Expand Access for Students

In support of academic excellence and the University’s expansion as a global institution, Life Trustee Daniel D’Aniello ’68, H’20 and his wife, Gayle, are gifting \$10 million toward significantly enhancing the Syracuse Abroad Florence program. The transformational nature of this gift will expand opportunities for students, attract exceptional faculty and improve facilities in Florence, Italy. In honor of the couple’s gift, the program will be renamed the Daniel and Gayle D’Aniello Syracuse University Program in Florence.

This gift also established the Daniel and Gayle D’Aniello Endowed Florence Scholarship that was due to his passion for military connected students and the experience he himself had. He shared, “The Syracuse Abroad Program is an essential element of the academic experience for so many students. My time abroad in Florence was some of the most memorable of my college career, and I am delighted to be able to support that experience for today’s students—especially students with need, veterans and others for whom a semester abroad seems out of reach,” says Daniel D’Aniello. “Gayle and I are so pleased to provide this support to the University and its faculty and students, who will gain illuminating global perspectives during their time in Italy and bring those insights to their professional lives.”

Daniel and Gayle D’Aniello Endowed Florence Scholarship Recipients



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Spending a semester abroad can be a formative experience for college students, both traditional and non-traditional students alike, but military-connected students are often unable to enjoy the experience of studying abroad due to limitations with the G.I. Bill. However, thanks to a new scholarship exclusive to Syracuse University, four military-connected students will spend next semester studying in Florence, Italy, with funding from one of the prominent supporters of the University’s initiative to being the “Best Place for Veterans.”

The Daniel and Gayle D’Aniello Endowed Florence Scholarship is named after U.S. Navy veteran Daniel D’Aniello ’68, H’20 and his wife, Gayle. D’Aniello studied abroad in Florence, Italy, when he was a student at Syracuse, and seized the opportunity to ensure other military-connected students at his alma mater could also benefit from studying overseas.

2022-2023 SCHOLAR RECIPIENTS

The following military-connected scholarships were awarded during the 2022-2023 school year. Scholarship support is the gift of opportunity and knowledge. Endowed and current-use scholarships enable Syracuse University to deliver the best educational experience possible for military-connected students.

Dottle Family ROTC Cadet Endowed Scholarship

Paul Dottle, who served as an enlisted soldier in the U.S. Army Reserves during the mid-80's, established the scholarship while serving as the chair of the OVMA Advisory Board. While Dottle was growing up, his father served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army. The experience of growing up in the military culture, and having served himself, left Dottle with a desire to give back to a community he held so much respect for.

The scholarship allows the ROTC detachments to recognize deserving cadets within their programs, and many of the university's graduates have gone on to become part of the university's list of notable veteran alumni for their accomplishments after graduating from Syracuse University. The scholarship is meant for those who have not already received a full ROTC scholarship and is designed to offset the cost of finishing their degree.



Hunter Burns '25 James Hrdy '26 Benjamin Johnson '24 Aizhan Moore '26



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This past year the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs had the distinct pleasure of congratulating three military-connected students for being named Remembrance Scholars for the 2022-2023 academic year. Being a Remembrance Scholar is among the highest honors a Syracuse University student can receive and is named in recognition of the 35 Syracuse University students who lost their lives in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 while it was in flight over Lockerbie, England, in 1988. The military-connected Remembrance Scholars were:

- **Adam Landry '23**, an Air Force ROTC cadet, and a senior at the Syracuse University College of Engineering and Computer Science.
- **Amanda Lalonde '23**, a U.S. Navy veteran and a senior at the Syracuse University College of Arts and Sciences. She is also the first student veteran to be named a Remembrance Scholar in Syracuse University history.
- **Janice Poe '23**, a U.S. Army ROTC cadet and a member of the National Guard. She is a senior at the Syracuse University College of Arts and Sciences.

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James N. Lyons '03 Sons & Daughters Memorial Scholarship Endowment

James N. Lyons arrived on the Syracuse University campus in 1998 as a biochemistry major with aspirations of playing collegiate lacrosse for the Orange. A shoulder injury before his first year at the University sidelined his athletic dreams. James joined the DKE fraternity and began to pursue service to others through his fraternity and the Syracuse University Ambulance Department.

When the September 11, 2001 attacks occurred, James felt it was his turn to serve in the military, following his family's long history of service dating back to the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. After graduating from Syracuse University in 2003, James enlisted in the United States Army.

On September 27, 2006, the Syracuse University community lost one of our own. United States Army 1st Lieutenant James N. Lyons '03 was killed in action while trying to secure a water treatment facility from insurgents just south of Baghdad, Iraq. James was Syracuse University's first known and youngest casualty of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In honor of James, his DKE brothers, friends and family established the James N. Lyons '03 Sons and Daughters Memorial Scholarship Fund, which provides support to Syracuse University students of fallen or disabled U.S. veterans.

James Lyons' personality panel can be seen in the CPT Floyd "Ben" Schwartzwalder Hall of Honor located in the National Veterans Resource Center (NVRC) at the Daniel and Gayle D'Aniello Building.



We would like to thank the donors who made a gift to the James N. Lyons '03 Sons & Daughters Memorial Scholarship Endowment between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

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JAMES N. LYONS '03 SONS AND DAUGHTERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Khloe Gage '25



April is the month of the Military Child. Since 1986 the Department of Defense has dedicated this month to honoring and celebrating the children of service members from all branches of the military. This year the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs selected Khloe Gage '25 to receive the James Lyons '03 Sons and Daughters Memorial Scholarship. Gage is the daughter of Lt. Col. Kim Lee Gage (pictured left with Khloe), who served in the U.S. Army. She is studying economics in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

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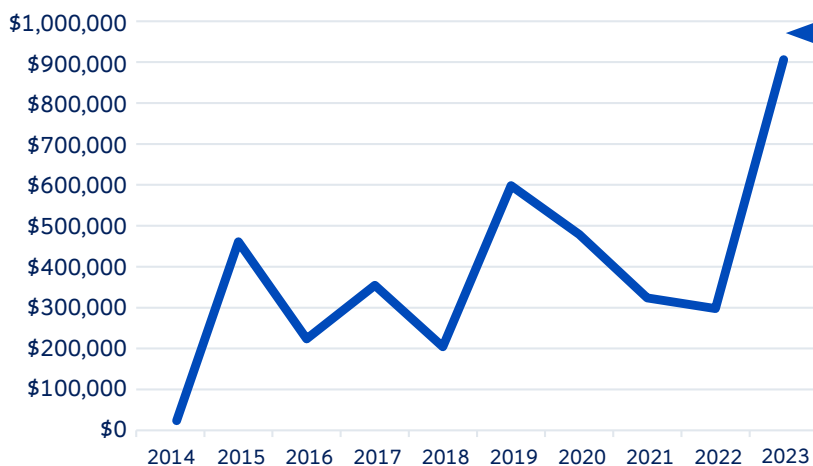


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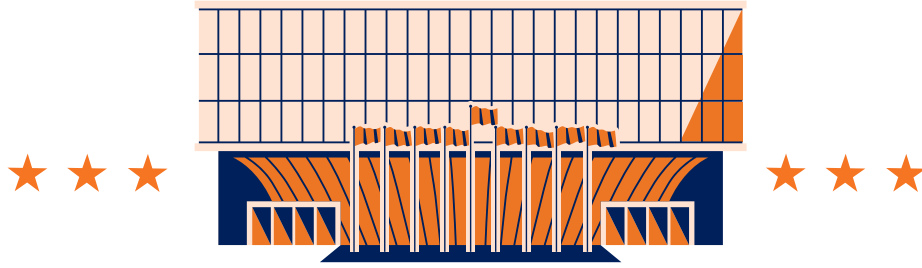
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