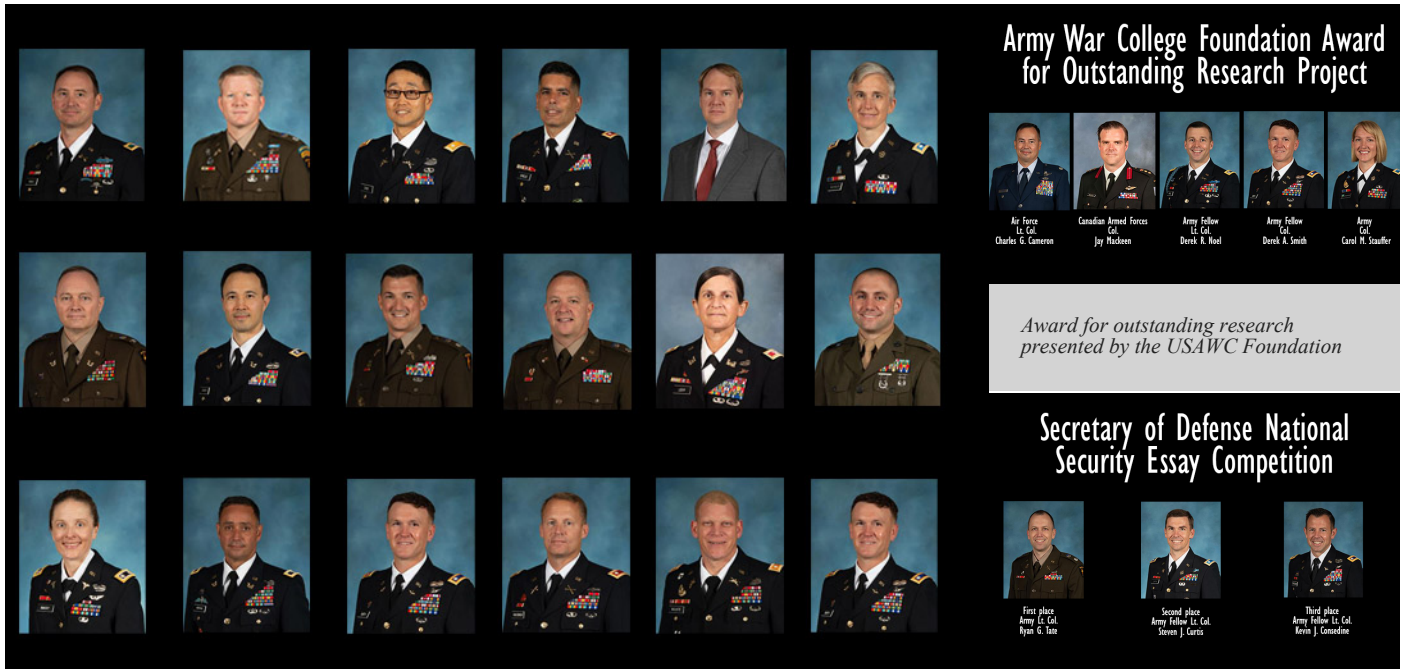


Army War College awards 2022 honors in research, writing, teaching excellence, educational innovation

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Award winning students and fellows from the class of 2022

Secretary of Defense essay competition award winners

As far as professional military education goes graduating from the prestigious U.S. Army War College is the pinnacle of any military career. Among the academic requirements of the USAWC master's degree in Strategic Studies is the Strategic Research Requirement, often accompanied by a written product.

The following resident students and USAWC fellows of the Class of 2022 earned special honors for excellence in research and writing. They are honored on stage at the June 10 graduation ceremony for the Class of 2022 - as well as seven high-achieving faculty members whose teaching excellence garnered special honors for Excellence in Core Teaching and for Educational Innovation.

The graduating body will honor Army Col. Ian J. Lauer for his leadership as President of the Class of 2022. The Army War College Foundation

USAWC Class of 2022 Faculty Awardees



Col. Thomas Spahr
Department Military Strategy, Planning and Operations
Dr. Zenel Garcia
Department National Security Studies
CH (Col.) Timothy Mallard
Strategic Studies Institute

Selected by peers, these awardees are recognized for exemplary performance as teacher and faculty mentor, contributing significantly to the intellectual and professional development of students.

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Student Awardees -- for research and writing

The following students earned honors in the all-Senior Service College Strategic Essay Competitions sponsored by the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff --

Lt. Col. Ryan G. Tate, U.S. Army, *Deterrence Thru Transparent Offensive Cyber Persistence* 1st Place in the CJCS Strategic Essay Competition (Paper)

Lt. Col. Steven J. Curtis, U.S. Army fellow, *A New Character: Rethinking Intelligence for 2035*, 2nd Place in the SECDEF National Security Essay Competition

Lt. Col. Kevin J. Consedine, U.S. Army fellow, *Be All You Can Be ... Like Your Parents*, 3rd Place in the SECDEF National Security Essay Competition

Col. Heather A Levy, U.S. Army, *Lessons from our Adversaries and Partners on the Maritime Silk Road* – awarded the USAWC Commandant's Award for Distinction in Research

Lt. Col. Keven J. Consedine, U.S. Army fellow, *Be all you can be...like your Parents* -- awarded the General Matthew B. Ridgway Award

Lt. Col. Bre M. Washburn, U.S. Army fellow, *Assessing trust in artificial intelligence: A framework for defense leaders* – awarded the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association and Command Sgt. Maj. William and Mrs. Rosa Barrineau Award

Lt. Col. Charles G. Cameron, U.S. Air Force, *One Size Does Not Fit-All: Force Generation for High-Demand, Low Density Forces* – awarded the Army War College Foundation Award for Outstanding Research Project

Col. Jay Mackeen, Canadian Armed Forces, *So Other's May Live: A Call for a Canada Hostage Recovery Policy* -- awarded the Army War College Foundation Award for Outstanding Research Project

Lt. Col. Derek R. Noel, U.S. Army fellow, *Winning Small: Lessons in Military Intervention from Oman and Syria* -- awarded the Army War College Foundation Award for Outstanding Research Project

Col. Derek A. Smith, U.S. Army fellow, *China's Crisis-driven Water Diplomacy: A Cautionary Tale of U.S. Opportunity and Response* -- awarded the Army War College Foundation Award for Outstanding Research Project

Col. Carol M. Stauffer, U.S. Army, *The Civil-Military Relationships of Field Grade Officers: An Examination* – awarded the Army War College Foundation Award for Outstanding Research Project

Mr. Brian M. Gabenski, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, *Anticipating Future War Through Novels* – awarded the Colonel Don and Mrs. Anne Bussey Memorial Award

Col. Laurence H. Arnold, U.S. Army, *Unconventional Warfare in Syria: The Application of Operational Art* -- awarded the Colonel Francis J. Kelly Memorial Award

Col. John J. Merriam, U.S. Army, *One Move Ahead: Countering Russian Reflexive Control Using Game Theory* – awarded the Colonel Jerry D. Cashion Memorial Award

Lt. Col. Ryan G. Tate, U.S. Army, *Deterrence Thru Transparent Offensive Cyber Persistence* – awarded the Daniel M. Lewin Cyber-Terrorism Memorial Award

Col. Robert C. Stelle, U.S. Army, *Sexual Assault, Special Trial Counsel, and JAGC Talent Management-a Strategy for Success* – awarded the Dr. Sara L. Morgan Memorial Award

Lt. Col. Yoon Y. Choi, U.S. Army Reserve, *International Regulation for Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems* – awarded the Major General Harold J. Greene Memorial Award

Lt. Col. Daniel J. VonBenken, U.S. Army, *Mission Command: The US Army's Maginot Line* – awarded the Association of the United States Army Award

Lt. Col. Jerry E. Landrum, U.S. Army, *Holy 'Rus": Irredentism, Ukraine, and the Russian Orthodox Church* – awarded the Foreign Area Officer Association Award

Lt. Col. Adam J. Mallo, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, *Preserving Racial/Ethnic Diversity in the Marine Corps Officer Population* – awarded the General Thomas Holcomb Strategic Writing Award

Lt. Col. Scott Simeon, U.S. Army Reserve, *Function Over Form: Diversity in the National Interest* – awarded the Lieutenant General Thomas J. Plewes Reserve Component National Security Strategy Award

Lt. Col. Clarence W. Wilhite, U.S. Army, *Finding our Place: DoD's Roles in Stabilization* – awarded the Military Officers Association of America Award

Lt. Col. Anastasia M. McKay, U.S. Army, *Improve Readiness and Retention: Remove Surgeons from Active Duty* – awarded the Military Officers Association of America Award

Lt. Col. Robert T. Greiner, U.S. Army, *A Foreseeable Finish: Evaluating Afghanistan Through Clausewitz' Secondary Trinity* – awarded the Military Order of the World Wars Award

Lt. Col. Peter M. Atkinson, U.S. Army fellow, *From Air to Space: The Perils of Domain Parochialism* – awarded the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association Award

Faculty Awardees -- for teaching excellence and innovation

The teaching awards incorporate student feedback, peer feedback, and personal observation by department chairs, dean or director comprise the evaluation criteria for faculty awards. They represent one of the three USAWC ethics: excellence in teaching, service, and scholarship.

Excellence in Core Teaching

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Educational Innovation Award

Award given annually to recognize the faculty member or team of faculty members who best exemplifies a spirit of innovation in their approaches to

teaching, service, and/or scholarship across the USAWC enterprise.

Charles P. Moore

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