

PATHS TO LEADERSHIP

# WEST POINT PARENTS CLUB OF MICHIGAN CLASS OF 2023





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## 2022-2023 WPPCMI BOARD & COMMITTEE ROSTER

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# UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

# GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023







## ELLE BENNETT

**HOMETOWN:** Grand Rapids, MI

**MAJOR:** Environmental Science

**COMPANY:** B1, G2

**BRANCH:** Engineers, Vicenza, Italy

**HONORS/AWARDS:** Superintendent's Award for Excellence, Distinguished Cadet, Dean's List, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge, Air Assault, Master of the Sword, Army Physical Fitness Badge

**ACTIVITIES:** Competitive Climbing Team

**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:**

Studying abroad at the Chilean Military Academy with my best friend

**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:**

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." - Dr. Seuss

**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:**

Airborne Sapper and hopefully a Master's in Climate Change and Global Development



## HENRY CARROLL

**HOMETOWN:** Traverse City, MI

**MAJOR:** Systems Engineering

**COMPANY:** C1

**BRANCH:** Infantry, Ft. Campbell, KY

**HONORS/AWARDS:** Air Assault

**ACTIVITIES:** 1-1 BN CDR, ASEM CIC, C1 Sandhurst

**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:**

Spending time with friends and family

**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:**

Work hard, play hard

**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:**

Ranger School



## AUDRA BLOCH

**HOMETOWN:** Battle Creek, MI

**MAJOR:** Mechanical Engineering

**COMPANY:** E1, E4

**BRANCH:** Cyber, Fort Gordon, GA



## DANIEL Y. CHUNG

**HOMETOWN:** Novi, MI

**MAJOR:** Computer Science

**COMPANY:** E4

**BRANCH:** Cyber 17D, Fort Gordon, GA

**HONORS/AWARDS:** Superintendent's Award for Achievement, Dean's List

**ACTIVITIES:** Cadet Competitive Cyber Team, Army Astrobotics

**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:**

Walking hours with friends after getting in trouble for "hacking" the Cadet Information System, making friends for life during the COVID years

**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:**

No matter how big the task, solve one problem at a time

**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:**

Receive master developer certification and go to graduate school



## BENJAMIN BUIA

**HOMETOWN:** Troy, MI

**MAJOR:** Economics

**COMPANY:** A4, B3

**BRANCH:** Cross-commissioning to the Air Force - job and post TBD

**HONORS/AWARDS:** Air Assault Badge, Norwegian Footmarch Badge, Recondo Badge, Navigators, Bridge Worship Team

**ACTIVITIES:** Navigators and Bridge Worship Team

**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:**

Building friendships and struggling through challenges together during CBT2 and Sandhurst

**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:**

The little things matter

**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:**

Still waiting to hear back but I'm trying to pursue a pilot slot in the USAF. I would like to get an MBA eventually.



## ALMA COOPER

**HOMETOWN:** Okemos, MI

**MAJOR:** Mathematical Science

**COMPANY:** E4

**BRANCH:** Military Intelligence, Stanford University, CA

**HONORS/AWARDS:** Superintendent's Award for Excellence, Phi Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honors Society, 2023 Mathematical Association of America-Metro NY Janet Liou-Mark Award, publication in Army Chemistry Review

**ACTIVITIES:** Manager for Army Women's Volleyball

**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:**

Earning full points on Survival Gate 2 on my 8th attempt

**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:**

Stay positive and never give up

**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:**

I hope to come back to West Point as an instructor





## COLIN DAY

**HOMETOWN:** Lansing, MI

**MAJOR:** Civil Engineering

**COMPANY:** D2, H1

**BRANCH:** Infantry,  
Schofield Barracks, HI

**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:**  
Time spent with friends and the Shell  
Station

**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:**  
Take your job seriously, not yourself

**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:**  
Ranger School



## JACK FISH

**HOMETOWN:** Huntington Woods, MI

**MAJOR:** International History

**COMPANY:** G3, B4

**BRANCH:** Field Artillery, Fort  
Campbell, KY

**HONORS/AWARDS:** George C.  
Marshall Award

**ACTIVITIES:** Combatives, Ski  
Instructors, International Affairs



## LUKE DOYLE

**HOMETOWN:** Northville, MI

**MAJOR:** Business Management

**COMPANY:** F4, I1

**BRANCH:** Quartermaster, Germany

**HONORS/AWARDS:** Superintendent's  
Award for Excellence, Distinguished  
Cadet Award, Recondo Badge

**ACTIVITIES:** Corps Squad Soccer  
(4-2CL), Corps Squad Soccer Captain  
(1CL)

**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:**  
Post-practice locker room hangouts  
with my best friends

**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:**  
Don't take life too seriously

**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:**  
Change lives



## ZACHARY HELLEBUYCK

**HOMETOWN:** Imlay City, MI

**MAJOR:** Electrical Engineering

**COMPANY:** A4, C1

**BRANCH:** Adjutant General /  
Field Artillery, Fort Hood, TX

**HONORS/AWARDS:** Dean's List,  
Air Assault, Army Physical Fitness  
Badge, Superintendent's Award for  
Achievement, Recondo Badge

**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:**  
Don't worry be happy

**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:**  
JAG Corps



## MICHAEL ERICKSON, JR.

**HOMETOWN:** Midland, MI

**MAJOR:** Business Management

**COMPANY:** F2, G1

**BRANCH:** Aviation, Fort Rucker, AL

**HONORS/AWARDS:** Dean's List,  
Distinguished Cadet, Superintendent's  
Award for Achievement, Air Assault  
Badge, Norwegian Foot March Badge

**ACTIVITIES:** Baseball

**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:**  
Studying a semester abroad in  
Argentina

**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:**  
"The Lord is my light and my  
salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord  
is the strength of my life; of whom  
shall I be afraid?" - Psalm 27:1

**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:**  
Graduate flight school and see what  
God has planned for me next



## LEVI HREN

**HOMETOWN:** Twin Lake, MI

**MAJOR:** Russian Language

**COMPANY:** G4, A3

**BRANCH:** Air Defense Artillery,  
Fort Sill, OK

**HONORS/AWARDS:** Dean's List

**ACTIVITIES:** Russian Forum

**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:**  
Spending a semester abroad in both  
Moldova and Germany

**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:**  
"Our life is what our thoughts make  
it." - Marcus Aurelius

**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:**  
To be someone I am proud of





**HENRY JOSEPH  
JANEWAY, JR.**

**HOMETOWN:** Macomb, MI  
**MAJOR:** Engineering Psychology  
**COMPANY:** D3, F4  
**BRANCH:** Infantry, Fort Wainwright, AK  
**ACTIVITIES:** Football, Strength Staff for Football  
**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:** My best memory had to be getting my class ring. I had forgotten what I ordered as a Cow because the year had been so crazy. So, opening up my ring box proved to be an awesome surprise.

**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:** Find your greenlights in life and roll the dice when your gut tells you to do something  
**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:** Ranger, Airborne, Air Assault, Arctic School



**TYLER  
PRICHARD**

**HOMETOWN:** Traverse City, MI  
**MAJOR:** Law and Legal Studies  
**COMPANY:** E2  
**BRANCH:** Aviation, Fort Rucker, AL  
**HONORS/AWARDS:** Commandant's Recognition of Excellence as CBT SL, Dean's List  
**ACTIVITIES:** Baseball  
**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:** Sharing the West Point experience with my brother Teddy Prichard '22 and long time friend Henry Carroll '23,

competing in multiple NCAA Regionals with my teammates  
**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:** "Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." - James 1:2-3  
**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:** Successfully complete AV BOLC and flight school and eventually earn a spot in the 160th SOAR



**MICHAEL  
LANCE**

**HOMETOWN:** Traverse City, MI  
**MAJOR:** Computer Science  
**COMPANY:** G4, C3  
**BRANCH:** Cyber, Fort Gordon, GA  
**HONORS/AWARDS:** Dean's List, Distinguished Cadet Award CQPA, Distinguished Cadet Award YQPA, Superintendent's Award for Achievement, Recondo Badge, Norwegian Foot March Badge (Bronze), Pentathlete Award, Level 1 French Language Certification, Phi Kappa Phi Member, Phi Sigma Lota Member, Upsilon Pi Epsilon Member  
**ACTIVITIES:** Cadet Spirit Band, Cycling, Study Abroad (France)  
**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:**

When my roommates and I sat down for our "Covid Thanksgiving" meal in Scott Barracks. We were all stuck at West Point due to Covid restrictions, and like all others, we could not go home for Thanksgiving. That meal with my roommates felt like the first bit of normalcy since the pandemic had started, bringing us closer than ever before and reminding us that home is where you make it.  
**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:** There will always be more work, but there will not always be more time. Therefore, take the time to do what you love with the people you love.  
**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:** Cyber BOLC to become qualified as a 17A, join a Cyber Protection Brigade or become a Mission Commander on an Offensive Cyber Operations team



**ERIKA  
RAPP**

**HOMETOWN:** Whitmore Lake, MI  
**MAJOR:** Life Science  
**COMPANY:** B3, C2  
**BRANCH:** Medical School at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine  
**HONORS/AWARDS:** Dean's Pentathlete, Dean's List, Distinguished Cadet, Superintendent's Award for Excellence  
**ACTIVITIES:** Cross Country, Track and Field, West Point Pre-Medical Society

**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:** Thanksgiving dinner with my teammates and having every dessert possible at our table  
**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:** This too shall pass  
**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:** Attend medical school at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine following graduation from West Point. After, I hope to complete a Pediatrics residency at Tripler Army Medical Center. Finally, I plan to serve as an Army Pediatrician until I retire from the service.



**MARGARET  
NEUMEYER**

**HOMETOWN:** Presque Isle, MI  
**MAJOR:** Systems Engineering  
**COMPANY:** C4, F3  
**BRANCH:** Medical Service Corps and 1BCT 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC  
**HONORS/AWARDS:** Dean's List, Distinguished Cadet Award, Honor Graduate  
**ACTIVITIES:** Native American Heritage Forum, Company Athletics

**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:** Branch Night with my classmates  
**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:** Have fun, give 100%, and if you get knocked down, get right back up  
**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:** Attend Airborne school, get Master's degree



**DANIEL  
REIMCHEN**

**HOMETOWN:** Lake Orion, MI  
**MAJOR:** Business Management  
**COMPANY:** I3, F2  
**BRANCH:** Infantry, Fort Campbell, KY  
**HONORS/AWARDS:** Airborne School, GAFPB (Gold)  
**ACTIVITIES:** Water Polo  
**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:** All the time spent with friends both at West Point and on trips with them  
**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:** Always Hold, Never Fold

**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:** Be a good Infantry officer, go to Special Forces selection, and pursue a career in law after the Army





## ZENON STEPIEN

**HOMETOWN:** Birmingham, MI

**MAJOR:** Arabic Language

**COMPANY:** F2, I3

**BRANCH:** Infantry, Vilseck, Germany

**HONORS/AWARDS:** Superintendent's Award for Achievement, Beating Airforce with the Army Rabble Rousers, Recondo Badge, Master of the Sword

**ACTIVITIES:** Slug, Cheerleader, Yoga Club Staff member

**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:**  
Going abroad to Oman

**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:**  
I had nothing to offer anybody, except my own confusion

**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:**  
After I get out of the army I would like to travel



## MADISON TOLSTON

**HOMETOWN:** Commerce Twp, MI

**MAJOR:** English Major with a East Asian Regional Studies Minor

**COMPANY:** D4, D3

**BRANCH:** Air Defense Artillery, Ft. Bliss, TX

**ACTIVITIES:** Company Sandhurst in D4

**BEST MEMORY WHILE AT USMA:**  
Just enjoying my time here with my friends

**YOUR LIFE'S GUIDING WORDS:**  
Authenticity and humility will get you further than you think

**TRAINING PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:**  
I hope to finish my time allocated to West Point and then do an additional 2 years to gain the GI bill and then attend graduate school. I also hope I get the chance to come back to West Point as a teacher in the Department of English and Philosophy.

“The ultimate test of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and moments of convenience, but where he stands in moments of challenge and moments of controversy.”

— MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

## 47-MONTH JOURNEY

Reception Day ..... July 1, 2019

March Back..... August 12, 2019

Acceptance Day..... August 17, 2019

Plebe Parent Weekend ..... March 6-8, 2020

Yearling Weekend..... February 19-20, 2021

Affirmation Day ..... August 15, 2021

500th Night ..... January 21-22, 2022

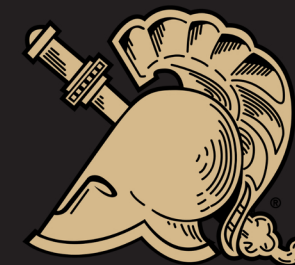
Ring Weekend ..... August 26-27, 2022

Branch Night..... December 1, 2022

100th Night..... February 18, 2023

Post Night..... February 28, 2023

Graduation ..... May 27, 2023





“Duty, Honor, Country  
those three hallowed words  
reverently dictate what you ought  
to be, what you can be, what you  
will be. They are your rallying point  
to build courage when courage  
seems to fail, to regain faith when  
there seems to be little cause for  
faith, to create hope when hope  
becomes forlorn.”

— DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

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