

The University of Scranton Class of 2023 Distinguished Military Graduates



Emma Coar

University of Scranton class of 2023

International studies major with minors in Arabic and leadership.

Distinguished Military Graduate

Ranked #9 Cadet in the nation, following the release of the final United States Army Cadet Command Order of Merit List

Academic Honors

- Dean's List student
- Alpha Mu Gamma World Language Honor Society member
- International Studies Honors Society member

ROTC Enrichment Programs

- Project Global Officer, Arabic Studies Scholarship for Arabic 101 and Arabic 102
- United States Army Airborne School
- Cadet Troop Leadership Training, Internship at Fort Lewis, Washington
- Senior position in the ROTC program: Royal Warrior Battalion (RWB) S3 (Operations Officer)

Awards

- National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America Award, 2019-2020 Academic Year
- Reserve Officers Association of the United States Award, 2020-2021 Academic Year
- Association of the United States Army Award for Leadership and Academic Achievement, Spring 2022
- Military Order of the World Wars Award, Spring 2022

Extracurricular Activities

- Army ROTC Ranger Challenge member
- Army ROTC Color Guard member
- Bataan Memorial Death March participant
- Tactical Fitness Club member
- International Fellows representative
- ROTC Recruiting volunteer



Steven D. Gasperini
University of Scranton class of 2023
International studies major
Distinguished Military Graduate

Academic Honors

- Dean's List student
- President of the International Studies Honor Society

ROTC Enrichment Programs

- Army Air Assault School
- Project Global Officer (Intensive course in Russian)
- Cadet Troop Leadership Training Internship at Fort Lewis, Washington
- Senior position in the ROTC program: MSIV (Physical Training Officer)

Extracurricular Activities

- Wrestled at Scranton (junior year)
- Participated in Student-Teacher Mentorship program
- Army Ranger Challenge Team member for 2 years
- Color Guard member
- Completed 2 marathon and 1 ultra-marathon ruck marches

Note worthy

- Studied 3 foreign languages (German, Russian, and Italian)
- (with Cadet Turnitz) became the first cadets to score a 600 of 600 (max. score) on the Army Combat Fitness Test in our Battalion.



Sarah Kern
University of Scranton class of 2023
Nursing major
Distinguished Military Graduate

Academic Honors

- Dean's List student

ROTC Enrichment Programs

- Nurse Summer Training Program- Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii; Cadet Summer Training
- Senior position in the ROTC program:



Declan B. Maurer
University of Scranton class of 2023
Accounting major with minors in Mandarin Chinese, finance, and leadership
Member of the University's Frank P. Corcione Business Honors Program
Distinguished Military Graduate

Academic Honors

- Dean's List student

ROTC Enrichment Programs

- Project Global Officer (Selected as 1 of 20 nationally to study abroad in Taiwan and study Mandarin)
- Cadet Troop Leadership Training Internship at Fort Sill, Oklahoma
- Senior position in the ROTC program: Cadet 1SG for Bravo Company.

Awards:

- Color Guard captain
- Top MSIII (Junior) for the Fall '21/Spring '22 academic year.



Josephine C. Middleton

University of Scranton class of 2023

Biology major who will pursue a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree

Distinguished Military Graduate

Academic Honors

- Dean's List student
- Center of Excellence Research Program (Summer 2020) at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine

ROTC Enrichment Programs

- AMEDD Internship at Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) Washington (Summer 2022)
- Project Global Officer, studied Arabic at The University of Northern Georgia
- Senior position in the ROTC program: Cadet Recruitment Officer



Zachary J. Turnitza

University of Scranton class of 2023

Nursing major

Distinguished Military Graduate

Academic Honors

- Dean's List student
- 2020 Frank O'Hara Award for highest GPA in Panuska College of Professional Studies

ROTC Enrichment Programs

- Nurse Summer Training Program at Tripler Army Medical Center Hawaii
- Air Assault school in Fort Benning, Georgia
- Senior position in the ROTC program: Cadet Battalion Commander

Awards:

- PT Fitness Military Science Level II and III Male Cadet in Battalion (Iron Man Award)
- The Military Order of the World Wars (ROTC Award of Merit)

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