

# 2020



*131<sup>st</sup> Corps of Cadets*  
**Commencement  
Ceremony**

*Friday, May 15, 2020 • 9:30 a.m.  
Memorial Chapel*

# Commencement Program

Processional, <i>Marche Militaire</i> (Franz Schubert)	.....
.....Mr. Stephen Maziarz (piano), Mr. Freddie Lomas (violin),	
.....Mace Bearer MAJ Peggy Reynard, Class of 2020	
Lighting of the Memorial Flame	.....Cadet Michael Naughton
Invocation	.....Academic Dean Mike Harding
Posting of the Colors	.....MMA Color Guard
Pledge of Allegiance	.....Cadet John Murphy
Welcome & Opening Remarks	.....
.....President Brigadier General Richard V. Geraci, U.S. Army (Ret)	
“Sure on this Shining Light” (Morten Lauridsen)	.....
.....Mr. Stephen Maziarz (piano), Mr. Freddie Lomas (violin)	
Faculty Award	.....President Geraci
Presentation of Senior Class Gift	.....Cadet Devonte Knight, Senior Class President
Academic Distinctions	.....Dean Harding
Army JROTC Awards	.....CPT Joseph Balvanz, USA (Ret)
President’s Awards	.....President Geraci
Valedictorian’s Remarks	.....Cadet Michael Naughton
Brahms Intermezzo Op. 118 No.2	.....Mr. Stephen Maziarz
Awarding of Diplomas	.....President Geraci
“Old MMA”	.....Cadet John Murphy
Benediction	.....Dean Harding
Extinguishing of the Memorial Flame	.....Cadet Michael Naughton
Recessional, <i>Marche Militaire</i> (Franz Schubert)	.....
.....Mr. Stephen Maziarz (piano), Mr. Freddie Lomas (violin)	

# Academic Distinctions

*Earned by achieving 90% or above in every marking period and an A or A- on each final semester grade.*

**Robert Downing Abbott:** *Intro to Speech Communication\**

**Thomas Charles Huckins:** *English IV: Speech & Debate, Personal Finance*

**William Rolland Barber:** *Intro to Philosophy, World Religion*

**Zane Allen Thomas Jewell:** *English Comp I,\* Personal Finance*

**Ethan Taiki Blitz:** *Economics, English Comp I,\* English IV: Speech & Debate, Personal Finance, Spanish II, U.S. Gov't.*

**Ruby Kagaragwa:** *Accounting I, Chemistry II, English IV: Speech & Debate, English IV: Publications, Personal Finance, U.S. Gov't, World History*

**Dongyang Chen:** *Computer Science Discoveries, Differential Equations,\* Economics, Intro to Speech Communication\**

**Devonte Jamal Knight:** *Concepts in Leadership,\* English Comp I,\* Intro to Speech Communication,\* U.S. Gov't.*

**Prince Benjamin Chukwuebuka Oghenetega Chukwumah:** *Accounting I, Business Law, Global Business Studies, International Business I*

**William David Lockwood:** *Intro to Philosophy, Personal Finance*

**Maxwell Rubin Dawson:** *Business Law, Economics, English Comp I,\* English Comp II,\* Global Business Studies, Personal Finance, U.S. Gov't.*

**John David Murphy:** *Business Law, College Algebra,\* Concepts in Leadership,\* Economics, English Comp I,\* Global Business Studies, Personal Finance, Spanish I, Spanish II, U.S. Gov't.*

**Collin Joseph Eastman:** *Personal Finance*

**Michael Patrick Naughton:** *Calculus I,\* Differential Equations,\* Economics, English IV: Speech & Debate, Intro to Biological Principles,\* U.S. Gov't.*

**Prince Oghenetega Emmanuel Francis Edeimu:** *Business Law, Global Business Studies, Physics I, Physics II*

**Derek Nguyen:** *Concepts in Leadership,\* English Comp I,\* Spanish II*

**William Cadesman English:** *Concepts in Leadership,\* Economics, U.S. Gov't.*

**Diego Pérez Solbes:** *Personal Finance*

**Samuel Mark Feldmann:** *Personal Finance, English IV: Publications*

**Grant Samuel Perris:** *Chinese II*

**Lucas Vincent Fix:** *Algebra II, Chemistry II, Economics, English III, English IV: Speech & Debate, Intro to Business, Personal Finance, U.S. Gov't.*

**Bruno Andreazzi Pozzani:** *Accounting I, Business Law, Concepts in Leadership,\* Economics, English III, Global Business Studies, Intro to Business, Personal Finance*

**Luis Emilio Garcia Chavez:** *Chemistry II*

**Ayush Raheja:** *Calculus I,\* Computer Science Principles, Economics, Intro to Speech Communication,\* Intro to Biological Principles,\* U.S. Gov't.*

**Kenny Gisa:** *Personal Finance*

**Noah Evans Royse:** *Personal Finance*

**WrayVauze Le'Vango Givens:** *Chemistry II, Personal Finance, Statistics*

**Joshua John Goss:** *World Religion*

**Garry Zachary Siccardi:** *English IV: Speech & Debate, Personal Finance*

**Charles William Gustafson:** *Intro to Speech Communication,\* Office Suites, World Religion*

**Gunner Lance Stugart:** *English IV: Speech & Debate, Environmental Science, Spanish III*

**Chia-Wei Hsu:** *Economics, Global Business Studies, Intro to Speech Communication,\* Intro to Business, Personal Finance, Russian I, U.S. Gov't.*

**Marco Antonio Vega Piñero:** *Personal Finance*

**Michal Marian Wilk:** *Personal Finance*

\*Denotes dual-credit courses.



# The Class of 2020

**Valedictorian:** Michael Patrick Naughton     **Salutatorian:** John David Murphy

**Class President:** DeVonte Knight

**Robert Downing Abbott**

Austin, Texas  
University of Missouri-Columbia

**William Harris Baker**

Flower Mound, Texas  
United States Marine Corps

**William Rolland Barber**

Tyler, Minnesota  
Minnesota West Community Technical College

**Ethan Taiki Blitz\***

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University of Denver

**Sergio Castelo**

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**Dongyang Chen\***

Beijing, China  
Southern Methodist University

**Prince Benjamin Chukwuebuka**

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Arizona State University

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Fayetteville, Arkansas  
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Denver, Colorado  
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Saint Peters, Missouri  
Westminster College

**Ayden Anthony Garcia**

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Seattle Pacific University

**Luis Emilio García Chavez**

San Luis Potosi, Mexico  
Universidad Anahuac, Queretaro

**Kenny Gisa**

Sandvika, Akershus, Norway  
BI Norwegian Business School

**WrayVauze Le'Vango Givens**

Mexico, Missouri  
Lincoln University

**Joshua John Goss**

San Diego, California  
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**Patricio Grünberger Castillejos**

Zapopan, Jalisco, Mexico  
Harper College

**Charles William Gustafson**

Saint Charles, Missouri  
Saint Louis University

**Chia-Wei Hsu\***

Taipei, Taiwan  
Purdue University

**Thomas Charles Huckins**

Elko, Nevada  
University of Nevada-Reno

**Zane Allen Thomas Jewell\***

Bloomington, Illinois  
University of Tampa

**Calvin Keith Kabalisa**

Kigali, Rwanda  
Hesston College

**Erickson Nziza Kagame**

Kigali, Rwanda  
University of Central Missouri

**Ruby Kagaragwa\***

Kampala, Uganda  
Drury University

**DeVonte Jamal Knight\***

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**David Mahurin** | *English Instructor, Head Varsity Basketball Coach, M.A. in Curriculum and Media Technology, Indiana State University; B.A. in Education, Marian College*

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No school shall dim thy fame  
No son shall give thee shame  
No son forget thy name  
Old MMA

Our hearts are bound to thee  
In love and loyalty  
Steadfast thy sons shall be  
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