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Special Edition Class 024 Graduation June 2024

Academy Newsletter

**Class 025 Intake
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The Twenty Fourth Commencement Ceremony of The Appalachian Challenge Academy



Saturday 15 June 2024 marked the 24th Commencement Ceremony of the Appalachian Challenge Academy. The Commonwealth's Adjutant General MG Haldane B. Lamberton provided an inspiring address to cadets and their families. He inspired them to "start now" and be the best version of you, while encouraging each graduate to apply the many lessons they have received during their time with the Academy in the next chapter of their life.

We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of each graduate and invite you to join us in congratulating the Graduates of the Appalachian Challenge Academy Class 024.



Class 024 Achievements

368 High School Credits

156 College Credit Hours

2 High School Graduates

12 Cadets completed Fiber Optic Technician I Certification

13 Welder Helper Certifications

11 Intro to HVAC Credits

All cadets completed a bronze certificate in the Congressional Award Program

All cadets received a Citation of Achievement from 84th District State Representative Chris Fugate

3,120 Service to Community Hours completed, an average of 40 hours per

Staff Excellence Award Recipients



Cadre Recipient
SFC Adam Roark



Administrative Recipient
Rusty Bailey



Major Haiden Coyle

Part of the leadership/followership core component is the assignment of rank to cadets as a reflection of their performance and potential. The rank of Major is selected directly by the Commandant and assigned to one cadet who exemplifies the Commandant's vision of performance and potential, not just during the residential phase but outside of it as well.

Lt. Colonel Emily Graham

The rank of Lieutenant Colonel is the highest rank cadets can achieve. This cadet is selected personally by the Director and is one who exemplifies the model for what every cadet should strive to emulate, and one who embodies the pride and values of the Appalachian Challenge Academy above all others.

Platoon of the Cycle Award Congratulations 3rd Platoon Cadets!



Most Improved Cadet Award



1st Plt. Addison Brewster-Hatter

2nd Plt. Blake Grissett

3rd Plt. Cheyanne Weaver

Honor Graduate



1st Plt. Kaysie Walter

2nd Plt. Haiden Coyle

3rd Plt. Carlie May

Elite Physical Training Awards

Appalachian 24

ELITE PT AWARDS

Cadet Breetz **Cadet DeMarco** **Cadet Parker** **Cadet Aumann**

Cadet Bayes **Cadet Cobbs** **Cadet Franklin** **Cadet Grissett**

Cadet Johnson **Cadet Khalil** **Cadet Pittman** **Cadet Slone** **Cadet Stewart**

GLADIATORS

Positive Impact Awards



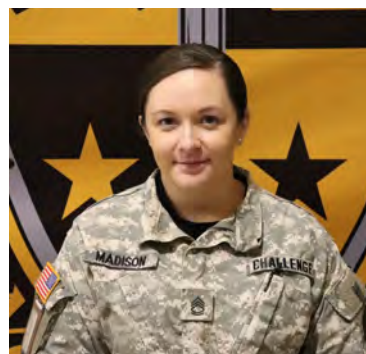
Staff Recipient
MSG Alex Stewart



2nd Platoon
SFC Aaron Ross



1st Platoon
SFC Alex Blas



3rd Platoon
SFC Breana Madison



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Our mission is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of 16-18 year old high school dropouts and producing graduates with values, life skills, education, and self-discipline necessary to succeed as productive citizens.

The Model 8 Core Components in a quasi-military environment during a 22-week residential and one-year follow up program does this.

“Quasi-Military” is a term used to describe a program that resembles military training such as attention to detail, respect, self-discipline, and chain of command.

Dream. Believe. Achieve.

ACCEPTING CLASS 025 APPLICATIONS

CLASS BEGINS JULY 14, 2024

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