

# UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY



Honor . . .  
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Commitment

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## PROFILE

- The mission** Founded as the Naval School in 1845, the United States Naval Academy today is a four-year service academy whose mission is: “To develop midshipmen morally, mentally and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor and loyalty in order to graduate leaders who are dedicated to a career of naval service and have potential for future development in mind and character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship and government.”
- Location** The Academy is set on 338 acres between the south bank of the Severn River and historic downtown Annapolis, the state capital of Maryland. Annapolis is 33 miles east of Washington, D.C., and 30 miles southeast of Baltimore.
- Campus** The Yard, as the campus is called, features tree-lined brick walks, French Renaissance and contemporary architecture and scenic vistas of the Chesapeake Bay. The Bancroft Hall dormitory complex, the Naval Academy Chapel, and other century-old buildings make the academy a National Historic Site. New facilities, such as the Uriah P. Levy Center and Jewish Chapel, a multi-purpose Alumni Hall, Rickover Hall engineering complex, the Hendrix Oceanography Laboratory, and the new Wesley Brown Field House give the Academy state-of-the-art educational resources.
- Students** More than 4,400 men and women represent every state in the U.S. and several foreign countries.
- Faculty** The 560-member Naval Academy faculty is an integrated group of military and civilian instructors in approximately equal numbers. The student-faculty ratio is 8:1, with most class sizes ranging from 10 to 22 students.
- Academics** In addition to a core curriculum of academic and professional courses, majors are offered in 23 subject areas: seven in engineering; nine in science, mathematics and computer science; and seven in the humanities and social sciences.
- Professional** Midshipmen study subjects such as small arms, drill, seamanship and navigation tactics, naval engineering, naval weapons, leadership, ethics and military law during the four-year program. In addition, midshipmen train at naval bases and on ships in the fleet during part of each summer.
- Athletics** Midshipmen can choose from a total of 32 intercollegiate varsity sports: 19 for men, 11 for women and 2 co-ed. Students can also choose from 16 intramural and 15 club sports.
- Extracurricular** Exciting extracurricular activities are offered in areas ranging from engineering societies to military professional clubs and associations.
- Graduation** Bachelor of science degrees specifying a major field are awarded to midshipmen upon graduation. They receive commissions as ensigns in the U.S. Navy or second lieutenants in the U.S. Marine Corps and serve at least five years of exciting and rewarding service as officers.

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ANNAPOLIS







Dear Future Midshipmen:

At the United States Naval Academy, our mission is to prepare the next generation of leaders for our naval service and the future security of our nation. Since 1845 more than 77,000 young men and women have successfully completed four years of moral, mental and physical development to take their place as honorable leaders in the Navy and Marine Corps.

These leaders have included: 73 Medal of Honor recipients, one President of the United States, several members of Congress and U.S. ambassadors, 46 Rhodes Scholars, and two Nobel Prize winners.

Their journeys began at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. And every summer, the future begins again with new journeys for 1,200 young people from all 50 states.

Our midshipmen complete a demanding four-year program which educates them not only in the classroom, but develops them outside of the classroom as well -- aboard sailboats, Yard Patrol craft, on the athletic fields and in the Fleet. At the Academy, midshipmen will cultivate leadership skills which will enable them to excel as honorable leaders when they graduate and begin their careers as Navy and Marine Corps officers.

We emphasize the importance of personal integrity and service in all aspects of our program. The Naval Academy offers a unique opportunity where young men and women from a diversity of backgrounds come together to learn and embark on a lifetime pursuit of excellence. Midshipmen are held to the highest standards of honor, conduct and service while they learn from both military and civilian faculty who represent the best in their respective specialties. Midshipmen become young leaders who are ready to serve our nation as Navy or Marine Corps officers -- and eventually as leaders in government, industry and our communities. Leadership and Honor are what distinguish the Naval Academy and its graduates.

At the Naval Academy, the American people invest in the future of our nation. This is where we develop the leaders of the future and nurture core values of honor, courage, and commitment. Our institution is a nationally recognized treasure where talented young Americans embark on a lifetime of service. It is my sincere desire that this catalog will be a starting point for prospective applicants, their parents, their mentors and educators in learning about the tremendous opportunities that are the United States Naval Academy.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. H. Miller".

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Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy  
Superintendent

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At the United States Naval Academy, our students are challenged morally, mentally and physically like never before in their lives. Students come here because they yearn for a challenge and want to be part of something larger than themselves. Naval Academy midshipmen are given responsibility and leadership opportunities commensurate with their status within the Brigade.



## THE HONOR CONCEPT

Midshipmen are persons of integrity: They stand for that which is right.

They tell the truth and ensure that the truth is known.

*They do not lie.*

They embrace fairness in all actions. They ensure that work submitted as their own is their own, and that assistance received from any source is authorized and properly documented.

*They do not cheat.*

They respect the property of others and ensure that others are able to benefit from the use of their own property.

*They do not steal.*