



Monthly Newsletter

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Announcements

And just like that, another class of WLC cadets have joined our ranks as alumni, and they did so with the help and encouragement from each other in addition to the support from each and every one of you alumni. As the USAFA journey ends for the graduating seniors, so a new one begins for the incoming basics, and as you read this, your WOL staff is making preparations to welcome the new generation on I-Day and set them up for success on Day 1.

Do you have any announcements or would like to feature your business?

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CADET SPOTLIGHT

C1C Alicia Alexander

By the time this article reaches the public, C1C Alicia Alexander will be 2nd Lt Alicia Alexander. Given the skills and intangibles that it takes to navigate USAFA as a minority, there is no arguing that all our WLC cadets are exceptional, but Alicia is exceptionally exceptional. St. Louis native

Alicia will be starting medical school soon after graduation. We are all well aware of what an accomplishment that is, so I will not waste words describing the dedication and determination it takes to receive a medical slot out of USAFA. Excellence only keeps company with



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“WLC and WOL are my main source of mentors. Whenever I need help or need to connect another cadet with an experienced individual, I reach out to these organizations first.”

excellence, and this is evident in the fact that Alicia is a WLC member. Alicia says that WLC has given her life “purpose and direction.” She mentions how WOL mentors not only carried her through her medical school application process, but also aided her in making smart financial decisions. As exceptional as Alicia is, through her own testimony, it is clear that she would have

had a difficult time accomplishing her goals alone. WLC cadets are phenomenal, but it is the network that helps give them a safe space, an often time, hostile environment. It is the network that helps mold potential, dreams, and goals into tangible achievements, and it is the network that will ensure that there are many more success stories. Alicia's parting message to me was that she would like to see

more engagement from Black women alumni. She stated, “I feel that I do not know how to properly defend my identity in a profession that did not consider me or those that look like me when it was founded. With this being said, WOL women can provide cadets that clarity.” Alicia is now an alumna, and I am sure she will continue to reach back as well through WOL and the Peregrines.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

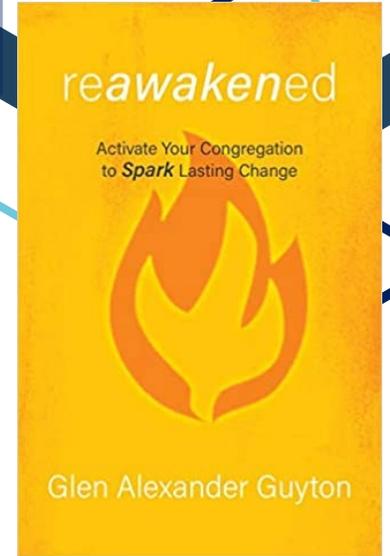
Glen Guyton '93. Speaker, Author & Advocate for Cultural Competency



Long before it became en vogue, fellow graduate, Glen Guyton has made it his mission to help

organizations and individuals navigate culture. As a cultural competency navigator, Mr. Guyton has been helping organizations increase profits and productivity through intercultural competency. Glen has spoken across the world ranging from Kenya to Costa Rica, and his audiences have included kindergarten students, CEOs, and religious leaders. It is always an amazing feeling to see fellow graduates making a positive change in the world. Glen is just another example of the fact that even after we relinquish the title of officer, we are still leaders of character.

Congratulations to soon-to-be retired Col Joyce Merl '91, 154th Mission Support Group Commander! June 1, 2021 marks 30 years of service to our country! Col Merl (right) is joined in the photo with USAFA's first black woman general, Brig Dana Nelson '90 (left). Black Girl Magic at its best!



It's Graduation Season



Everette Richardson USAFA '14, received his MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Class of 2021



Class of 2021!

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| Entered: 1216 | Asian: 58 |
| Graduated: 1019 | Pacific Islander: 7 |
| African Americans: 54 | Native Americans: 4 |
| Hispanic: 102 | Multi-Racial: 65 |



Cameron Carter USAFA '11, received his MBA from Yale University, Class of 2021



Steven Nelson USAFA '14, received his MBA from Columbia Business School, Class of 2021



Morgan Malone USAFA '15, received her MBA from USC Marshall School, Class of 2021

Congratulations to all 2021 graduates not featured!

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Click on the icons to view our content. You can find our latest tributes, town halls, updates, and more! Don't forget to subscribe, like, and follow us on our communication channels. Each interaction helps us get more exposure and reach parents and future cadets.

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