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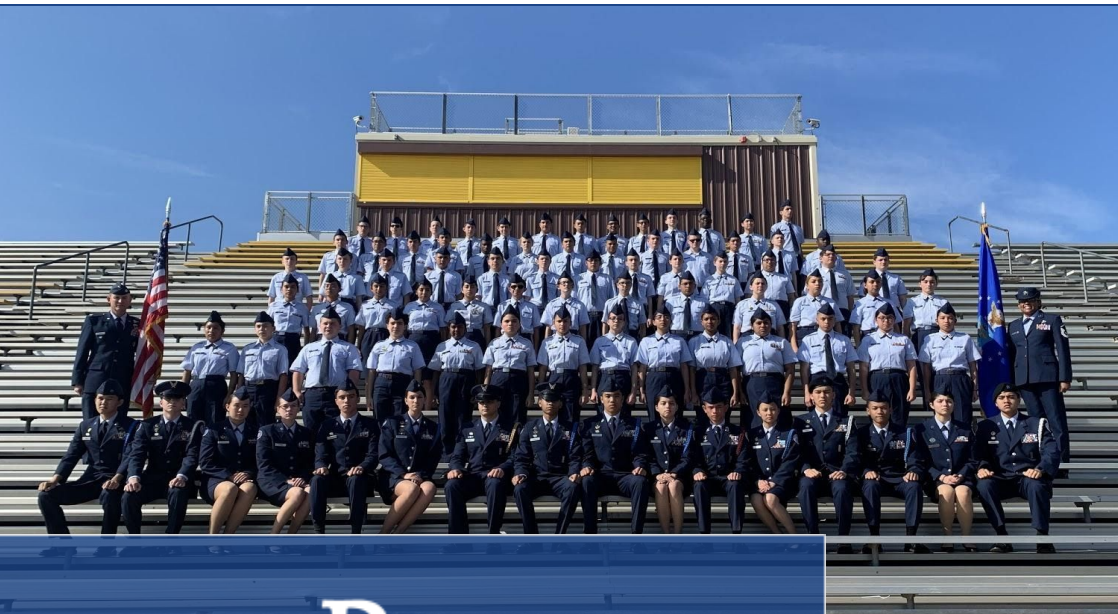


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2020 Recap

By Cadet Daniel Rueda

This year was taken by storm, and it's taken a lot from us. But what we must all remember is that 2020 served as an opportunity, an opportunity to grow, learn, and become better people.

We did not let this year go to waste, as here in AFJROTC we have accomplished some amazing things without having to be in a physical environment.

With that being said, here's to a better 2021 and a recap of some of the accomplishments made in 2020 by our great leadership team

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By Cadet Alexis Pottorf

November

We recognized C/ SrA Burlinson as the Cadet of the Month for the month of November! He was recognized for his consistent and amazing display of initiative, dedication and leadership throughout his classes and the corps. Our first staff application form was set out for the first change of command for the 20-21 school year! Since then, the term has ended, and we thank all of our previous staff members for their outstanding leadership and dedication in the corps! During our ROTC classes, we continued learning about resources that we would use



C/SrA. Joseph Burlinson

to find our calling and dream career. We also learned about what requirements we may need and explored different careers. If you ever need any help or assistance with finding your career, you can always contact your counselors, the instructors, or any family/friends who went through the career process.

Staff Application - SY 2020-21 (Rotation #2)

Total points **0/0** ?

DIRECTIONS (**MUST READ CAREFULLY**)

Use this Google Form to apply for up to THREE positions.

While it is always important for cadets to thoroughly read and follow directions, it is especially so for cadet corps leaders. Reading and following the directions here is the first critical step in demonstrating you have the attention-to-detail necessary to be successful.

December

Our Second promotion test in our online school year, which was run by C/ CMSgt Campbell was a success! We had multiple cadets in our corps promoted to a higher rank! In addition, we had our first change of command for the 20-21 school year! Congratulations to our new staff that were announced, and thank you to all of the previous staff members.



C/CMSgt. Campbell during practice

January

We officially had our second ALS session for the 20-21 school year! Run by C/CMSgt Campbell, with the help of C/Maj. Rueda and C/SSgt Rosario, it was a success! Congratulations to everyone who has graduated, and passed the exam! We also had our first successful Commander's Call for this term!

New Chain of Command

By Cadet Hannah Rosario



Cadet Group Commander

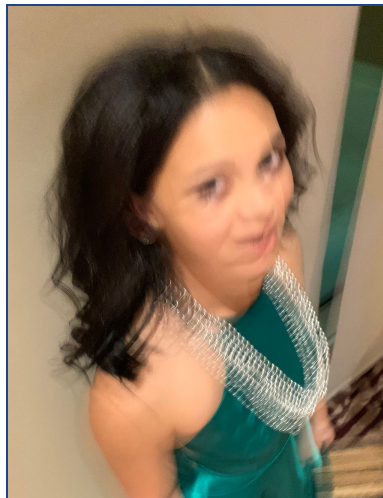
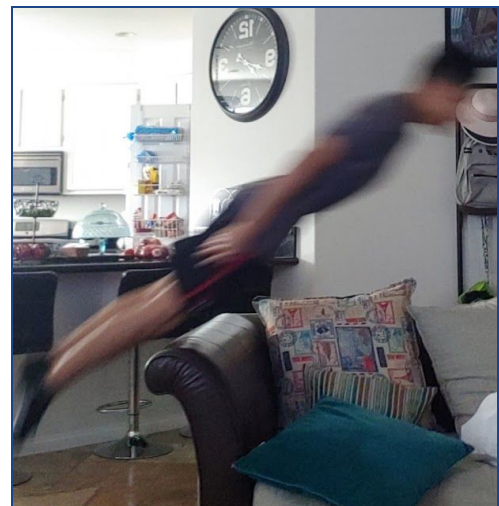
C/Lt Col. Ethan Consulta

Cadet Consulta is our current Group Commander and our Armed Commander. He has been a part of our corps since his Freshman year.

Cadet Vice Commander

C/Maj. Daniel Rueda

Cadet Rueda has been a part of our program since his Sophomore year. He is not only our Vice Commander but also our Retention Officer.



Cadet Executive Officer

C/Capt. Angel Rueda & C/Capt. Nakya Hayes

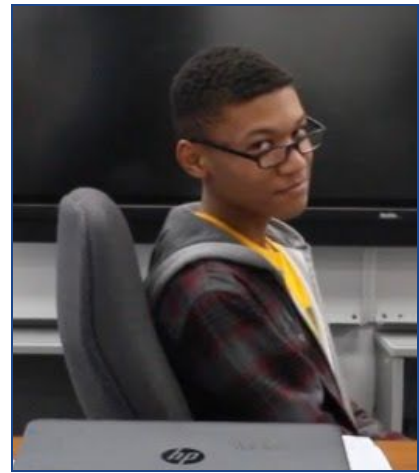
Cadet Rueda was our former Squadron Commander along with Cadet Hayes. Cadet Hayes and Cadet Rueda have also been a part of this program for 3 years.



Cadet Command Chief

C/CMSgt. Jayvion Campbell

Cadet Jayvion has been a part of our corps since he started high school. He is currently the Training Officer and he is also conducting Airman Leadership School currently.



Squadron Commanders

C/Capt. Ignacio Ramsey & C/1st Lt. Alexander Bowen

Cadet Ramsey is currently our Saber Commander and he's been part of our corps since freshman year, and Cadet Bowen is our Logistics Commander and has been in this program for 3 years.



Operations Commander

C/2nd Lt. Kiara Ochoa

Cadet Ochoa is currently part of the all-female Color Guard Team and has been part of the program for 3 years.



Support Commander

C/1st Lt. Juris Gaerlan

Cadet Juris has been in our program since the beginning of her high school years. She also takes part in one of our Drill Team, Sabre Drill Team.

Student of the Month

By Cadet Alex Bowen



C/Christian Salazar (L), C/Kiara Ochoa (M), C/Jayla Taylor (R), during Color Guard practice

For the first month of 2021, our very own former Group Commander Cadet Lt. Col. Christian Salazar earned the award of Golden Student of the Month. This award is not an easy achievement by any stretch. The prestigious award is given out almost exclusively to seniors and even then, only about nine students earn the award each year. Teachers recommend who they believe should be the Golden Student of the Month and out of all the submissions, the wonderful recommendation that Lieutenant Colonel Good and Master Sergeant Knight wrote beat out all of the others. With this being said, I was able to interview C/Salazar and get an inside look as to what he thought, felt, and had to say about receiving the award!

C/Bowen: “What was your overall experience as student of the month?”

C/Salazar: “My overall experience as student of the month was amazing and memorable! I got to hear the stories of other Students of the Month from various schools, and also got to talk to big Al (Mr. Williams)”.

C/Bowen: “Did you ever expect to get student of the month for TVHS?”

C/Salazar: “I didn’t expect to get Student of the Month, no; it was a surprise to be sure, but a welcome one”.

C/Bowen: “What is your personal advice for cadets who are aiming to be the best version of themselves?”

C/Salazar: “Don’t be afraid to be ambitious, but at the same time don’t get complacent, and don’t get arrogant either. That’ll put you on the fast track to get your reputation shattered faster than you realize,”.

C/Bowen: “Was there anything that you had to sacrifice in order to get where you are today?”

C/Salazar: “Nothing really comes to mind, I suppose maybe free time? But I still got a lot of that (doubly so nowadays),”.

C/Bowen: “How and when did you find out that you were student of the month?”

C/Salazar: “I was watching Star Wars Battlefront II Heroes vs. Villains match during lunch, when I got an email with the subject “January Student of the Month”. I read it, and shortly after messaged Master Sergeant and Colonel a huge thank you,”.

C/Bowen: “What was going through your mind when you found out you got student of the month?”

C/Salazar: “I was elated, because it was definitely a surprise for me - I was a little nervous because I was asked to fill out a “media form” so I thought I’d be like on TV and stuff (I wasn’t, thankfully lmao), but there were a lot of emails and forms to fill out so :))”.

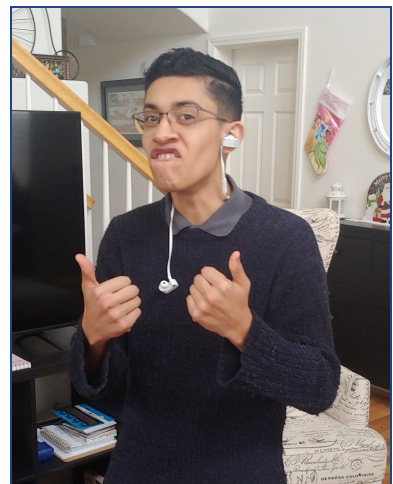
It is not an everyday thing for people to achieve Golden Student of the Month and it goes to show that the kind of character C/Christian Salazar holds as not only a cadet, but as an overall person. As one of our former Group Commanders, C/Salazar has done outstanding work as one of our leaders in this corps. There’s no doubt in mind that C/Salazar deserved to be nominated as Golden Student of the Month. C/Salazar is one of our strongest cadets and here at CA-933rd we are all so proud of his accomplishments! Congratulations again to Cadet Salazar for earning this award!

Cadet of the Month

December

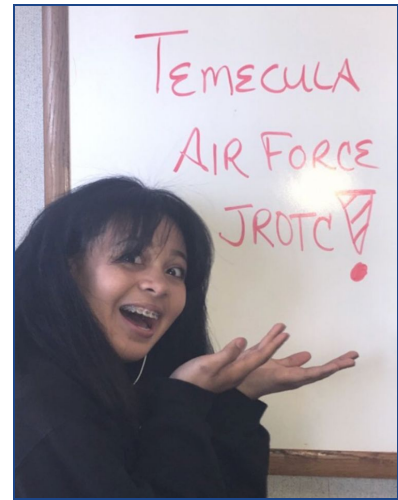
By Cadet Daniel Rueda

Another month starts and with that comes with our new Cadet of the Month for December. This month, we have elected two very strong cadets, who have been working incredibly hard in the development and efficiency of our Flight Commanders and Flight Sergeants. That’s right, the exemplary cadets for this month are none other than our own Squadron Commanders, C/1st. Lt. Angel Rueda and C/1st Lt. Nakya Hayes!



C/Capt. Angel Rueda

We are currently in a very hard and draining environment as all of us are stuck at home unable to interact with our peers. For our Squadron Commanders, their job is to keep track of the Flight Commanders and ensure growth among them. In a scenario like this, it is seemingly impossible, yet our two Squadron Commanders put incredible effort and dedication into their job and found out a way to make their job work! With weekly Squadron meetings, and their care to attend each of their subordinates to make sure they are caught up while also reminding them of their duties, truly these two Squadron Commanders have gone above and beyond what their job entails.



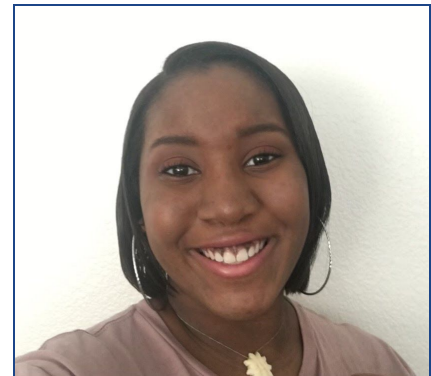
C/Capt. Nakya Hayes

These two have pathed the way for the next upcoming Squadron Commanders, and I have no doubt in my mind that they will put as much effort and care to their new jobs as Executive Officers. With that being said, I congratulate C/1st. Lt. Angel Rueda and C/1st Lt. Nakya Hayes for their well deserved Cadet of the Month!

January

By Cadet Alex Bowen

Not only has December passed, but January is already almost over! With that, January's Cadet of the Month has also been announced. For this month's Cadet of the Month, please congratulate C/ Kayla Johnson! C/ Johnson was a previous Flight Commander who excelled during her term, always putting forth her best without fail. She has been a role model Freshman cadet and someone that other cadets could look up to due to her strong determination as well as dedication. Despite the online learning environment and no longer being a Flight Commander this rotation, she still strives and achieves great things within the corps. Keep up the amazing work C/Johnson!



C/AIC Kayla Johnson

Over the past two months, three more than deserving cadets have received an outstanding award! Receiving Cadet of the Month is not an easy award to get but it goes to show that despite our online environment, these cadets still work as hard as they would have in person and they persevere even when times may be difficult. Once again, major congratulations to C/Rueda, C/Hayes, and C/Johnson!

Future Pilot

By Cadet Alexis Pottorf

Our very own C/Emma Becht was the second-ever recipient of the reputable AFJROTC Flight Academy Scholarship! C/Emma Becht was one of the only 230 Air Force JROTC cadets to receive the scholarship out of the 2,500 applicants. I had the pleasure of interviewing C/Becht about herself, her plans, and this wonderful opportunity.



C/SrA. Becht (L) & C/1st Lt. Alvarado (M), Pilot Instructor (R), at the Fallbrook Airpark

C/Pottorf: *“What are a few things that you would like cadets to know about you?”*

C/Becht: “I like aviation and flying, art, and I like to read.”

C/Pottorf: *“What encouraged you to apply for the Scholarship?”*

C/Becht: “I was encouraged by Colonel and Master Sergeant, and also by cadets who have done it before, like Patrick Bogan. I was also encouraged to get into it by my family and by a pilot, Capt. Redmond. He was the one who flew the JROTC cadets on a field trip in 2019 out of Fallbrook Airport.”

C/Pottorf: *“What was the process of applying like? Was it difficult, something that you enjoyed, and/or an experience that will help you in the future?”*

C/Becht: “It was definitely a little intimidating at first just because the probability feels kind of daunting in the beginning. But, it was something that I really wanted to go for, so I wasn't going to let the odds stop me. Ultimately, I enjoyed the process, and learned a lot. This was the first time I had taken a formal physical, so I learned a lot there, and overall I've learned just how meaningful it can be to pursue what is important to you.”

C/Pottorf: *“How will you use your pilot's license in the future?”*

C/Becht: “After I get my license, I plan to work on getting my pilot's ratings and increasing my logbook hours. I'll be using it to build my career, potentially as a cargo or airline pilot. I've also considered joining the Air Force in the future, as I've had a wonderful experience in AFJROTC, and there are a lot of possibilities there.”

C/Pottorf: *“How will the skills that you have developed throughout the process help you in the future and as a citizen in our society?”*

C/Becht: “One aspect of being a pilot that really appeals to me is how you can help others. Cargo and airline pilots transport materials around the globe and are a key player in the accessibility of goods to people around the world, especially in times such as the Covid-19 pandemic. There are pilots who work with the fire department to carry water and flame retardant to uncontrolled blazes, who save lives, homes, and wildlife. They also perform search and rescue. Some escort important figures to meetings of national and international concern in a timely manner. Our Air Force pilots serve overseas and at home, protecting American citizens. If I can be a part of that, I think I've done something good with my future and as a citizen in our society.”

C/Pottorf: *“What would be some words of encouragement and guidance for anyone who wants to follow in your footsteps?”*

C/Becht: “I would say, not to let the odds or your doubts stop you. It sounds corny, but it really is true. I would also tell people that it is ok if your life changes course once, twice, a hundred times, because finally finding the thing that gives you purpose is worth all the obstacles along the way.”

C/ Emma Becht is very excited to continue her training to receive her private pilot’s license. She hopes to use her license to better the community and to help others. Using the tools and skills that she has developed throughout this process is helping her become a better person and citizen in society. We are so proud of you! You have grown so much! Keep doing what you love, and you can accomplish anything.

The Athletics Club

By Cadet Hannah Rosario

I conducted another interview with none other than our former Group Commander, C/Lt. Col. Christian Salazar! C/Salazar, our current Athletics Officer, has accomplished outstanding work in this corps, and with the creation of the Athletics Club, the list continues to add on. The Athletics Club will be a wonderful addition to our corps along with improving our cadet’s overall constitution! With that in mind, I interviewed C/Salazar on the key aspects of the Athletics Clubs, along with questions about C/Salazar, himself!



C/Lt Col. Christian Salazar during practice

C/Rosario: *“What is the purpose of the Athletics Club?”*

C/Salazar: “The purpose of the Athletics Club is to promote physical health and overall wellness.”

C/Rosario: *”What would you like for cadets who are interested in joining to know?”*

C/Salazar: “That you do not have to have a routine, and that you do not have to be a bodybuilder to join! Regardless of whether or not you have a routine, we’ll help you either develop one or encourage you to continue and improve it.”

C/Rosario: *“Are there any additional information you would like to provide?”*

C/Salazar: “We meet every Friday at 1600 in the Unit Discord”

C/Rosario: *“What inspired you to make the Athletics club happen?”*

C/Salazar: “To start, I wanted to do something memorable as the Athletics Officer. And last year, every Friday, Mason Lundgren, along with some other seniors, would go out to the field next to the drill pad and do strenuous exercises, and I wanted to formalize that and turn it into a club?”

C/Rosario: *”What are your plans for when we return to school physically?”*

C/Salazar: “To continue the same routine that we conduct virtually, as well as continuing what I had done my Junior year with Mason Lundgren.”

C/Rosario: *“Why should cadets join the Athletics Club?”*

C/Salazar: “We all know that being physically active is very important to our health, however it can be difficult to do and start alone, especially in an online environment, in quarantine. We can help you get started, and just knowing that somebody is actually holding you accountable to a routine is a strong motivator (in a good way, of course)”

C/Rosario: *”How will you be conducting this club while cadets are online?”*

C/Salazar: “Cadets will outline the exercise routine they currently have (if applicable - if not, no worries) and cadets will then create goals that they want to reach first by the end of the month, and then the

Interested in joining the Athletics Clubs? Have any questions for the Athletics Officer? Feel free to contact C/Lt. Col. Christian Salazar via email, 1000031616@tvusd.us or join the Athletic Club Remind, [@jrotcathl](https://www.instagram.com/jrotcathl)

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