

Alexandria Senior High Student Accepted to West Point

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Alexandria Senior High student, Matthew C., has officially been accepted to West Point. He will join other cadets in New York this July to begin his military journey.

"When I visited the campus during my junior year, I realized that the students there shared a deep connection: they were all committed to serving their country," Matthew says.

West Point graduates earn Bachelor of Science degrees and are commissioned as second lieutenants in the United States Army, according to the school's website.

Matthew plans to study kinesiology and join the infantry after graduation.

"I'm interested in the tank division right now, but that may change as I learn more," he adds.

Matthew's path to acceptance began in May 2024, when he completed his initial application. This was followed by teacher recommendation letters, a physical fitness test, a rigorous medical exam, and a nomination letter from State Senator Julia Letlow.

He participated in five interviews, fielding questions from both former and current military members. He also wrote several essays and worked to raise his ACT composite score to 32.

"Beyond all the hard work, I'm most excited about being part of something with such history and pride. I want to be part of something bigger than myself," Matthew says.

In July 2025, he will attend a six-week Basic Training, commonly known as "The Beast" among cadets.

In addition to a traditional college curriculum, cadets take mandatory military strategy classes and participate in club sports. They also undergo training during the summer, with only a three-week break from West Point.

"The pride Matthew feels for his country and community aligns with what we strive to instill in our students at ASH. We teach them that contributing to and leading in their communities can have a significant impact," Principal Jody Goodman says.

According to U.S. News & World Report, only 14% of applicants are accepted into a cohort each year.

This accomplishment highlights Matthew's dedication, commitment, and tenacity.

"What has driven me throughout this process is the desire to be the best I can be and to serve my country," Matthew concludes.

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