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Philadelphia and the United States Navy

On 13 October 1775, Philadelphia became the birthplace of the United States Navy. In addition, Philadelphia houses the country’s first Naval Shipyard. The shipyard was first used in 1776, but officially became a naval site in 1801 when it moved from the Front Street docks to its current South Broad Street location. The shipyard lost most of its naval activities due to the Base Realignment and Closure Acts of 1991 and 1995, but still maintains a few smaller naval operations to this day.

Although Philadelphia no longer has an active shipyard, the city and surrounding areas are still steeped in Naval History. The city still houses the USS Olympia (a cruiser), the USS Becuna (a submarine) and a seaport museum with many naval artifacts and exhibits.

Along with the museum, the Philadelphia Area boasts four universities in a consortium of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. The Villanova University unit and the UPenn unit each have graduated and commissioned over 1500 officers into the Navy and Marine Corps.

The Villanova University unit was founded as part of the national V-12 program in 1943, and evolved into NROTC in 1946. Villanova has graduated over 24 Navy Admirals and Marine Corps Generals. In 2004, the US Naval Forces Atlantic and Pacific fleets were both commanded by Villanova graduates. In 1987 there were only two four-star generals in the U.S. Marine Corps, one of them the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and both, graduated from Villanova.

The UPenn unit was founded in 1940 and transitioned into the V-12 program in 1943. It has also been incredibly successful in the past 75 years; the first Commandant of the Marine Corps, Samuel Nicholas, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1752; and the first Secretary of the Navy, Benjamin Stoddert graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1777 and, more recently, the last commander of the Space Shuttle was a UPenn NRTOC graduate.

Both programs consistently have 75-100 midshipmen enrolled and have a very long history and tradition of excellence in creating some of the best Ensigns and 2nd Lieutenants in the Navy and Marine Corps. The Philadelphia area is regularly recognized as having one of the best NROTC program in the country due to the great staff leadership and consistently excellent academic and physical performances of its midshipmen.
Scholarship Program

Scholarship Program

NROTC covers the following for scholarship students:

- Tuition and mandatory fees
- Semester book stipend ($375); nor exceed $750 a year
- Monthly stipend for expenses during the academic year
  - $250 for Freshmen
  - $300 for Sophomores
  - $350 for Juniors
  - $400 for Seniors
- All uniforms and Naval Science textbooks
- Tutoring for calculus and physics

Tuition will be paid by the Navy 45 days after the first day of class in the fall semester. Scholarship families should only pay the room & board, university health insurance and refundable university fees as applicable by the university due date. The NROTC Unit will communicate scholarship status to the university’s financial services office to establish billing for tuition through the Navy. Monthly financial account statements will be available to all parents whose students have established them as Authorized Payers through the University’s electronic billing and payment system.

Monthly Stipend
The monthly stipend will be electronically paid (via direct deposit) on a bi-monthly basis to your midshipman’s personal bank account. The book stipend will also be electronically deposited, typically by the end of September and again, at the end of January. Your student should purchase his or her textbooks prior to the start of classes rather than wait for the stipend deposit.

Navy Scholarships:

Marine Scholarships:
http://www.marines.com/becoming-a-marine/commissioning-programs/four-year-colleges/nrotc

Scholarship Benefits
The benefits of a NROTC scholarship are self-evident; however other scholarship benefits may not be as evident:

- Equivalent to $65-70k annually/quarter of a million dollars over your education
- First rate education
- Little college debt compared to your civilian counterparts
- Guaranteed employment and a ~$55k salary once you graduate
- An exciting journey and life of adventure in the Navy or Marine Corps
- Committed to a life of service

Study Abroad
NROTC scholarship midshipmen may also take advantage of the Navy and participating university’s study abroad program. Essentially, the time abroad must not be more than the home universities tuition rates and still enable gradation in four years. Additionally, each midshipman wanting to study abroad must have the Commanding Officer’s concurrence.

Room and Board
While a NROTC scholarship covers the bulk of college cost, it does not cover room and board. The Villanova unit receives some room and board scholarships from Villanova University to distribute to need based and high performing midshipmen. Additionally, a limited number of private donor scholarships are available for top performing midshipmen. Drexel and Temple Universities provide room and board to all NROTC scholarship midshipmen with a GPA above a 3.00. At this time no room and board incentives exist at UPenn.
**College Program**

We at the Philadelphia consortium are strong proponents of the non-scholarship, College Programmer. Additionally, we have been very successful at getting our non-scholarship midshipmen scholarships or advance standing and remain 100% committed to their commissioning. College Program midshipmen participate in all NROTC activities, with the exception of the summer cruises, but are not on scholarship. These students may re-apply for the National Scholarship online prior to the end of the first semester. Additionally, a separate side load scholarship application will be submitted by the unit for the side load program after their first semester of participation in the program. The Navy provides uniforms and textbooks for all Naval Science courses for college programmers.

**Advanced Standing**
Similar to a scholarship, a College Program student may be competitively selected for ‘Advanced Standing’ during the summer prior to their junior year if they have not yet been awarded a scholarship. Advanced Standing status guarantees a commission, but does not have any associated scholarship funding. However, College Program students with Advanced Standing will receive a monthly stipend for a maximum of 20 months. They are required to complete applicable academic requirements and one summer cruise.

**Getting a Scholarship**
College Program students may apply for a variety of Navy/Marine Corps, university and private scholarships during their participation in NROTC. Limited two and three-year scholarships exist for both the Navy and Marine Corps. Scholarships are awarded based on academic and aptitude performance as well as staff recommendations.
Program Requirements

Students participating in the NROTC program are required to complete a Bachelor’s Degree at an accredited institution in four years in order to receive a commission as an officer in the United States Navy or the United States Marine Corps.

Navy-option scholarships recipients are assigned a Tier (1, 2, or 3/LREC) major, based on input provided on their NROTC application. Navy-option students cannot change their major without the Commanding Officer’s approval, and cannot change their Tier without approval from the Commanding Officer (approves Tier 3 to 2 or 1 change) or Naval Service Training Command (approves Tier 1 or 2 to Tier 3 change). The Tiers are as follows:

Tier 1 - engineering programs of Navy interest, Tier 2 - other engineering, math and science programs, Tier 3 - Foreign language and remaining academic programs. In order to keep pace in this high tech and diverse environment, approximately 85% of Navy Option NROTC scholarships offers are awarded to students interested in completing a Tier 1 or Tier 2 academic major.

Tier 1 Academic Majors
- Aerospace, Aeronautical, Astronautical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Naval Architecture & Marine/Naval Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering
- Ocean Engineering
- Systems Engineering

Tier 2 Academic Majors
- Agricultural/Biological Engineering & Bioengineering
- Architectural EngineeringArchitectural Engineering Technologies
- Astrophysics
- Biochemistry, Biophysics & Molecular Biology
- Biomathematics & Bioinformatics
- Biomedical/Medical Engineering
- Biotechnology
- Cell/Cellular Biology & Anatomical Sciences
- Ceramic Sciences & Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Programming
- Computer Science/Info. Tech.
- Construction Engineering
- Electronics & Comm. Engineering
- Engineering Mechanics
- Engineering Physics
- Engineering Science

General Engineering
- General Science
- Industrial Engineering
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Materials Engineering
- Mathematics
- Metallurgical Engineering
- Microbiological Sciences and Immunology
- Mining & Mineral Engineering
- Nuclear & Industrial Radiologic Technology
- Oceanography
- Petroleum Engineering
- Pharmacology & Toxicology
- Physics
- Physiology, Pathology & Related Sciences
- Polymer/Plastics Engineering
- Quantitative Economics
- Statistics
- Textile Sciences & Engineering
In addition to completing your university’s degree completion requirements, the following courses are Navy academic requirements for full scholarship students participating in the NROTC Program.

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*Students must complete Calculus prior to the start of their junior year and Calculus-based physics prior to the start of their senior year. Students who have taken Calculus or Calculus-based physics for college credit in high school, which the college has validated, must complete one additional college course in each of those areas to satisfy this requirement.*

*College Program students are required to complete two semesters of advanced mathematics and two semesters of physical science. We encourage these students to complete calculus in their freshman year and physics in their sophomore year to enhance their competitiveness for a scholarship.*

The following are the required courses for all midshipmen. These courses are instructed by the Unit Staff Officers, and often must be taken in addition to a normal collegiate course load.

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*Students are required to maintain a Grade Point Average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to remain in good standing.*
Physical Training

All students are required to maintain a minimum level of physical fitness as prescribed by the Navy and Marine Corps. There are two battalion PT sessions scheduled each week.

Navy Option midshipmen are required to achieve a minimum of “Good” on the twice-annual Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA), which includes two separate portions; height and weight standards (body composition assessment) and the physical portion consisting of a toe touch, curl-ups, push-ups, and a 1.5 mile run. Students who achieve less than the minimum score will be placed on the Remedial Physical Training Program, which meets one additional day each week. The official PFA is taken near the end of each semester, usually in November and April. An inventory PFA is taken every semester in September and in February to provide another benchmark.

The PFA requirements are included below and give your son or daughter a goal to train towards prior to Freshman Orientation. These are the minimum standards from the fleet and our expectation is that a midshipmen score higher. Scoring “Excellent” is the norm.

Marine Option midshipmen are required to participate in Marine Option physical training in addition to Battalion physical training. They take a twice-annual Physical Fitness Test that includes a 3 mile run, pull-ups and sit-ups.

A Pre-Entry Physical Training Plan can be downloaded from the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps website to assist in preparing your student for Freshmen Orientation and to start on the path to a healthy fitness lifestyle.

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<th>Excellent Scores (Off Remedial PT)</th>
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<td>Sit-ups (2 min)</td>
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<td>Push-ups (2 min)</td>
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| Maximum Scores                  |
| 17-19 years                     |
| Sit-ups (2 min)                 | Males | Female |
| 109                               |       |
| Push-ups (2 min)                 | 92    | 51    |
| 1.5 mile run                     | 8:15  | 9:29  |
Swimming Requirements

Navy Physical Fitness also includes swimming proficiency. There are three swimming qualification levels. The 3rd Class test will be administered during Freshmen Orientation, and includes a jump from a 10 foot platform, five minutes of survival treading water, a 50 yard swim using any of four basic survival strokes, and survival floatation skills using uniform items. All midshipmen are required to qualify as 3rd Class Swimmers prior to summer training before their sophomore year. Weak or non-proficient swimmers should consider formal swim instruction prior to Freshmen Orientation.

Summer Cruise

All scholarship students will participate in a four week summer cruise following every academic year. The first cruise following freshman year, CORTRAMID (Career Orientation and Training for midshipmen) provides a brief exposure to the Marine Corps and Naval line (warfare) communities. The Second and First Class cruises (following sophomore and junior years) allow students to explore enlisted and officer responsibilities at sea, and afford an opportunity for in-depth exploration of the aviation, submarine or surface communities. Rising seniors with Advanced Standing will also participate in a First Class Cruise the summer before their senior year. Marine-Option midshipmen may participate in training at the Mountain Warfare Training Center after sophomore year and a six-week Officer Candidates School (OCS) prior to their senior year.

Our students travel all over the world on cruises. The Navy and Marine Corps pay for travel expenses to and from the cruise site every summer. Our juniors have many options available to them, such as; requesting Aircraft Carrier or Patrol Squadron cruises, special training with Navy SEALS or Explosive Ordnance Disposal Units, or a foreign exchange cruise for their First Class summer cruise. In recent years, NROTC and Naval Academy midshipmen were hosted by the navies of Australia, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, South Korea, Spain, and South Africa. Some foreign language skills may be required to cruise with non-English speaking navies.

Students are given the opportunity to provide input regarding the summer cruise phase (first, second, or third), travel locations, and specific platforms (ships, aircraft, submarines). This allows students to plan the remainder of their summers, including work, summer school, study abroad, and family vacations. However, even with prior planning, students will need to remain flexible with active duty training dates.
Student Activities

Weekly Activities
On a weekly basis, students will attend NROTC classes, Naval Science Laboratory, and PT (physical training). Naval Science Lab is the weekly meeting of the NROTC Unit, lasting approximately two hours. At lab, midshipmen receive a variety of training in general military subjects, practice close order drill, conduct uniform inspections, and meet with their student chain of command.

Social Activities
The Unit will host several functions each semester ranging from socials to formal ceremonies. These activities allow students to interact outside of the Unit and help build lasting ties.

Among the more formal activities, the midshipmen will attend a Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball during the fall semester and a Spring Social Event during the spring semester. These events honor the long and proud traditions of the naval service, and expose students to professional social events similar to those they will attend as officers in the Navy and Marine Corps.

Color Guard, Drill Team, & Military Excellence Competitions
The Unit Color Guard and Drill Team will have the opportunity to perform at military and civilian functions, parades, and before university and local sporting events.

In addition, the Villanova Battalion hosts a Military Excellence Competition in the spring term, where midshipmen from regional NROTC units compete in drill, track and field events, combat skills, swimming, and basketball. This event is a great opportunity for midshipmen to meet students from other units, engage in healthy competition, and have fun. The Unit also sends midshipmen to compete at other Military Excellence Competitions throughout the year such as at the Cornell MEC.
NROTC Policies

The following policies apply to the students of the NROTC program, as well as staff interaction with both the NROTC midshipmen and parents. Additional policies regarding changes in student status will be discussed in the Change of Status section of this handbook.

A Student’s Right to Privacy & the Family Education Right to Privacy Act (FERPA)
Your student is entitled to privacy with respect to his/her grades, records, and private life. Students participating in the NROTC program sign four privacy act statements upon enrolling in the program:
☐ Medical Statement – for use in medical and dental records
☐ Academic Statement – allows universities to disclose grades to the NROTC program
☐ Privacy Act Statement – for use in enlistment records
☐ Parents’ Release – allows unit to disclose info on academic and aptitude status to parents

Midshipmen are required to sign the Medical, Academic, and Privacy Act Statements to participate in the program. If your son/daughter does not sign the Parents’ Release form, we will be unable to disclose or discuss their academic performance or NROTC status with you.

Drug Policy and Urinalysis
The Department of the Navy has a zero tolerance policy with regard to drug use. The Commanding Officers of all NROTC units are authorized to conduct urinalysis for drug screening.

Upon enrollment in the program, all students will sign a statement concerning pre-service illicit drug use and a statement of understanding to not abuse alcohol or drugs. Beginning with their first semester, all midshipmen will participate in a drug testing program. In the event that a Midshipmen tests positive for drugs, a Performance Review Board (PRB) will be immediately convened and the student will be recommended for Disenrollment. We test for drugs at least once per semester.

Interaction with Advisors
One distinct advantage of the NROTC program is that your midshipmen will have a dedicated student advisor at the NROTC unit. The advisors check degree plans, confirm that program requirements are being met, verify class schedules, and advise your midshipmen on academic and other matters as necessary.

In exchange, your midshipman is required to complete the following:
☐ A minimum of two meetings with his/her advisor per semester
☐ Provide the advisor with an up-to-date class schedule
☐ Provide the advisor with a degree plan that is signed by the academic advisor of their college
☐ Keep the advisor aware of problems – academic or otherwise – that are affecting the student’s work, studying or summer cruise
☐ Obtain permission from the PNS to drop a class if the add/drop period has passed

The advisors’ doors are always open. Students can stop by or schedule appointments in person, by phone or by email. We also welcome your calls and emails and stand ready to assist you in any way we can.
Changes in Status – Academic/Aptitude/Medical

Unfortunately, during the course of your midshipmen’s college career, unforeseen circumstances may arise that affect his/her status as a midshipman. This section will describe these three categories of potential problems and the various actions for different applicable student status. The examples below are not all inclusive. Each student’s case is determined on an individual basis; however, the information below summarizes the guidelines that our staff will use in assessing your student’s status.

Academic – students are required to maintain a term grade point average (GPA) greater than or equal to 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and a cumulative GPA greater than or equal to a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. All students must pass all NROTC requirements and classes required for their majors.

Aptitude – this category applies to physical fitness, swim qualification, military bearing, and general behavior. Your student will receive an evaluation every semester that assesses his/her aptitude in terms of the items listed above. To remain in good standing, your midshipman must satisfactorily pass the physical fitness assessment (PFA), swimming test, complete the required qualifications, and demonstrate the character and bearing required of a future Navy or Marine Corps Officer.

Medical – this category covers illnesses or injuries that potentially affect your midshipman’s academics, ability to meet required fitness or swim standards, or potential to be commissioned. Some examples of conditions requiring medical action include broken bones, joint injuries, or laser eye surgery. See the Leave of Absence (LOA) paragraph of this section for more information.

Good Standing
All midshipmen begin the program in good standing. Students remain in good standing as long as they meet the program requirements, participate in required activities, and remain on track to graduate and be commissioned within four years.

Warning: Academic/Aptitude
Midshipmen will be placed in a warning status for a term GPA of less than 2.5 or for not meeting a “Good” score on the PFA. Warning status may require mandatory study and/or physical training and a weekly meeting with the midshipman’s NROTC advisor, as well as additional actions as determined by the Commanding Officer.

Probation: Academic/Aptitude
Students will be placed on probation for a cumulative GPA of less than 2.0, failure of a required class, or a first time PFA failure (excluding seniors). Students will be notified, in writing, of the terms of their probation and the actions required to be removed from probation. Failure to complete these actions will result in a Performance Review Board (PRB) and a possible recommendation for Leave of Absence (LOA) or Disenrollment. Additionally, students on probation who are enrolled in the College Program are not eligible to receive scholarships.

Performance Review Board (PRB): Academic/Aptitude
This is a four member board, convened by a senior voting member (usually the Executive Officer), two additional voting members and a non-voting recorder to review the performance of a midshipman. The PRB may recommend a change in student status, including Leave of Absence or Disenrollment. A PRB may be convened for repeated poor academic/aptitude performance, multiple or repeated class failures, multiple PFA failures (first-time failures for seniors), failure to meet program requirements prior to prescribed deadlines, a positive drug test, or other reasons as the Commanding Officer requires.
Leave of Absence (LOA): Academic/Aptitude/Medical

An LOA may be recommended for any of the reasons listed above, as well as for medical problems, while awaiting further evaluation. During LOA, all benefits are suspended, including tuition and stipends; your student will be required to cover all of his/her own expenses. The midshipman will be notified, in writing, of the required actions to complete in order to be returned to good standing. Under normal circumstances continued participation in the NROTC program will be one condition of the LOA.

A student may request a Personal LOA for personal reasons or to pursue graduate education. They then voluntarily elect to cover their own expenses for the term(s) that they are not participating in the NROTC program.

A student may be placed in Medical LOA, following pregnancy, illness, injury, or elective surgery, pending further medical evaluation. Your student should keep copies of all records and doctor assessments. Provided that your student heals quickly, and the Naval Bureau of Medicine concurs that your student is physically qualified for commissioning, all benefits – including tuition and stipends – are reimbursable. If, for some reason, your student is not commissionable following his/her injury or illness, a determination will be made by the Chief of Naval Personnel and the Secretary of the Navy regarding Disenrollment and Recoupment.

Disenrollment and Recoupment

Disenrollment is the voluntary or involuntary removal from the NROTC program. Disenrollment may be recommended for the following (please note that this list is not all-inclusive): failure to meet required actions during academic or aptitude, repeated LOA status, PFA failures, or failure to meet Good PFA standard during senior year, and drug use (automatic PRB + Disenrollment for first positive test), under age drinking, integrity issues or other behavior and performance related issues.

Scholarship students who voluntarily separate from the program during their freshman year are not required to reimburse the program. Scholarship students who are disenrolled after the first day of their sophomore year will be subject to monetary recoupment or active enlisted service. It is currently Navy policy that disenrolled students provide recoupment of costs to the Navy rather than serve active enlisted service.

A student who is disenrolled for medical reasons may be required to reimburse the Naval ROTC program for expenses incurred.

College Program midshipman may disenroll from the program at any time prior to being placed in Advanced Standing. Once a student is placed in Advanced Standing, he/she agrees to serve in the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps, and will do so, either as an officer or enlisted.

Marine Option

Marine Option midshipmen must complete a challenging six week course at Officer Candidates School (OCS) in Quantico, Virginia following their junior year. Successful completion of OCS is a requirement for commissioning and cannot be waived. Midshipmen who fail OCS will be placed on LOA and will lose their scholarship and stipend during their senior year. Depending on the basis of their failure, a Marine Option midshipman may be disenrolled from the NROTC program or invited to return to OCS the following summer. If disenrolled, a midshipman is required to repay all scholarship and stipend monies received, or serve for a period as an active duty enlisted Marine (at the discretion of the US Marine Corps).
**Life After NROTC**

During the fall term of their junior year, Navy Option students complete a Service Selection Survey indicating which warfare community they want to join after commissioning. Although not binding, this allows them to begin the process to prepare for nuclear selection interviews, aviation tests, or medical examinations. Prior to the start of the senior year, Navy Option midshipmen will submit their official preferences for service selection.

All Navy midshipmen nationwide are ranked based on academic grades, course of study, PFA scores, aptitude, and the recommendations of Commanding Officers. Based on these factors, and student preferences, midshipmen will be assigned future warfare communities (surface, submarine, aviation, etc.). Service Assignment results are released in mid-October of the senior year. Those midshipmen selected as future Surface Warfare Officers choose their ships and duty station in early spring, again based on national rankings.

Upon graduation and commissioning, new Ensigns depart for the Fleet or follow-on training. Marine Corps Second Lieutenants attend The Basic School for six months, where they learn basic infantry platoon leader skills and compete for a military occupational specialty (infantry, artillery, intelligence, logistics, communications, etc.). Depending on individual orders, newly commissioned officers may be temporarily assigned as staff members at their respective NROTC Units.

**NROTC Scholarship Commitment**

For those midshipmen attending college and NROTC on an NROTC Scholarship, the following military service obligations apply:

- Submariners can expect five years; pilots can expect eight years and NFOs six years (after flight training for both); nurses can expect four years; surface warfare officers can expect five years and Marines four years after their commissioning.

**NROTC College Program Commitment**

Midshipmen who pay their own educational expenses or have a non-Navy source of educational funding may participate in NROTC through the NROTC College Program. Upon graduation and commissioning, this individual will be required to serve at least three years on active duty.

**Other Information**

A minimum of two years active enlisted service or recoupment of all tuition dollars paid may be required for midshipmen who disenroll or are disenrolled from NROTC Scholarship Program for academic, performance or personal reasons after the first day of their sophomore year. If disenrolled, personnel who were originally on active duty and were released early to accept NROTC Scholarships must complete their original enlisted contracts.
**Villanova Unit Events**

Villanova New Student Orientation – Aug 21st-24th  
Villanova Classes Begin – August 25th  
Villanova Parent’s Weekend – September 19th – 21st  
Villanova NROTC Fall Review – October 7th  
Villanova Fall Break – October 13th – 17th  
Villanova NROTC Gala – October 24th  
Villanova Homecoming – October 25th  
Marine Option Fall FEX – October 31st – November 2nd  
NROTC Consortium Fall Ball – November 7th  
Cornell MEC – November 14th – 16th  
Army Navy Game (Baltimore) – December 13th  
USNA Leadership Conference – January 24th  
ND Leadership Conference – February 20th – 22nd  
NROTC Villanova Battalion Spring Social – March 20th  
NROTC Villanova MEC – April 10th – 11th  
Marine Option Spring FEX – April 17th – 19th  
NROTC Villanova Spring Review – April 21st  
NROTC Senior Joint Mess Night – April 24th  
NROTC Villanova Commissioning – May 15th

**UPenn Consortium Events**

UPenn New Student Orientation – August 22nd - 26th  
Temple Classes Begin – August 25th  
UPenn Classes Begin – August 27th  
Drexel New Student Orientation – September 15th – 19th  
Drexel Classes Begin – September 22nd  
UPenn Fall Break – October 9th-10th  
Temple Homecoming – October 10th – 12th  
UPenn Family Weekend – October 24th – 26th  
Marine Option Fall FEX – October 31st – November 2nd  
UPenn Homecoming – November 1st  
UPenn NROTC Kilo Co. Graduation – November 7th  
NROTC Consortium Fall Ball – November 7th  
Cornell MEC – November 14th – 16th  
Army Navy Game (Baltimore) – December 13th  
Drexel Homecoming – January 23rd – 25th  
ND Leadership Conference – February 20th – 22nd  
Villanova MEC – April 10th – 11th  
Marine Option Spring FEX – April 17th – 19th  
NROTC Senior Joint Mess Night – April 24th  
NROTC UPenn Spring Review – April 29th  
NROTC Temple Commissioning – May 8th  
NROTC UPenn Commissioning – May 18th  
NROTC Drexel Commissioning ~ June 12th

**Useful Web Pages**

Villanova NROTC Facebook - [https://www.facebook.com/VillanovaNrotc](https://www.facebook.com/VillanovaNrotc)  
Villanova NROTC Website - [http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/artsci/nrotc.html](http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/artsci/nrotc.html)  
UPenn NROTC Website - [http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/nrotc/](http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/nrotc/)  