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Cal Poly Army Cadet Receives Highest ROTC Award

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly Army ROTC cadet and civil engineering major Kevin McFadden was recently presented with the prestigious George C. Marshall award and had the opportunity to attend a two-day leadership conference at the Virginia Military Institute.

The award, named after renowned general and statesman George C. Marshall, is presented annually to the most outstanding senior ROTC cadet at each university with an active officer training program.

This year's conference included speeches from top leaders in the Army and a variety of classes intended to broaden the cadets' understanding of issues facing today's military. Diverse topics focused on ethics, cyber-warfare, and the current situation in the Pacific region.

"The conference was an excellent opportunity for future leaders to discuss the direction the army is taking as we move out of a decade of combat," McFadden said.

McFadden has been active in all areas of ROTC and this year participated in the Ranger Challenge, which provides an opportunity for schools to compete against each other completing military tasks.

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