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## *Five Cal Poly ROTC Students to Commission as U.S. Army Officers*

SAN LUIS OBISPO — While thousands of Cal Poly students took part in commencement ceremonies Saturday and Sunday, five ROTC students also took on the role and responsibility of leaders as they commissioned as U.S. Army officers.

After four years at Cal Poly, Cadets Michael Rea, Sean Thomas, Hilary Thomas, Alexis Howell, and Cameron Everhart have completed both their ROTC training and their academic programs.

Sean Thomas, Hilary Thomas, and Michael Rea will serve as active duty officers in field artillery, engineers, and air defense artillery, respectively. Howell will serve as a reserve military intelligence officer, and Everhart will serve as a military intelligence officer in the California Army National Guard.

Howell will also attend the University of Washington to earn her law degree after she completes her Basic Officer course.

“ROTC has pushed me in ways that I never expected and has molded me into a better leader and human being,” Howell said. “Without ROTC, my life would be on a very different trajectory, and I certainly would not be the person I am today.”

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