Academy receives three Air Force-level STEM awards

By Amber Baillie
Academy Spirit staff writer

Academy faculty, staff and cadets received three Air Force Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics for 2012 that will be officially presented at a banquet August 23 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Representatives from the Academy’s Office of Research will attend the event to accept the Cadet Research Award, the Air Force Outstanding Civilian Scientist of the Year award and Air Force Outstanding Mid-Career Military Scientist/Engineer of the Year award.

Capt. John Miller, an instructor in the Academy's Social Sciences Management Department, was selected as the 2012 Air Force Outstanding Mid-Career Military Scientist/Engineer of the Year out of nearly 2,000 nominees.

"When I was notified I won at the Air Force level I was shocked," Miller said. "There is so much amazing technical work being done across the Air Force and it’s very nice to be recognized for the small piece I did.”

One project Miller facilitated this past year was the Saving Airmen's Time initiative for the Commander of Air Combat Command.

“It focused on cutting ancillary training and additional duty requirements to return airmen's time to focus on their primary duties,” Miller said. “In seven months we saved 855,000 man-hours per year across Air Combat Command.”

Randall Knize, director of the Laser and Optics Research Center and professor of physics at the Academy, was chosen as this year’s Air Force Outstanding Civilian Scientist for his work on high-powered lasers.

“My team was the first to demonstrate diode pumped alkali lasers,” Knize said. “We were the first to demonstrate the highest efficiencies and show that they are scalable to high powers.”

Knize received his Ph.D. in physics from Harvard and worked at Princeton University and University of Southern California before coming to the Academy in 1996. Knize said laser research is important in that, alkali lasers have the capability to acquire enough power to be used as a military weapon.

“Possible applications include missile defense, tactical applications such as destroying land vehicles, fixed installations and disabling small watercraft approaching naval vessels,” Knize said.

Basic cadets squared off for the title of Big Bad Basic Saturday in Jacks Valley. Basic Cadet Training ends on Saturday and basics will be formally accepted into the cadet wing at the Acceptance Day parade at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Stillman Field. The parade is free and open to the public. Basics begin classes with the rest of the cadet wing Thursday. See Pages 8-9 for more BCT coverage.
Strengthening our core

By Col. Jim Dryjanski
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WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The greatest threat to the United States Air Force right now is not external. It is from within. The allegations of sexual misconduct at Lackland Air Force Base splashed across the news will undoubtedly be fully investigated and criminal behavior will be prosecuted appropriately.

The victims will be heard and they will be cared for, but the bell cannot be unrung. The reverberations from “Jerry Springer-esque” moral failure can shake public trust.

Senior leaders of our Air Force and the Department of Defense will look deeply, far beyond the current trivial, to see if there are any institutional root causes in climate, leadership, training and oversight that need to be addressed.

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The words Integrity, Service, and Excellence are ubiquitous in our Air Force. Like the sound of a dripping faucet they can fade into the background over time. They are on briefing slides, on wall-hangings in various offices, and they are all over the social media outlets of our service.

But, are they only words? Only words to be recited in speeches by commanders and enlisted leaders? Only words to be cited by those very same leaders when an Airman breaks a rule or regulation?

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Yes, they are... if we let them be. If we lose sight of the moral truth that our core values are grounded in, these mere words of Integrity, Service, and Excellence lose their true meaning and true power. Sunshine is often the best antiseptic. Increasing transpar-ency of our training and strengthening the accountability of our instructors at Basic Military Training in this light will help. But, more broadly, all Airmen in our Air Force should use this opportu-nity to illuminate why our Core Values are much more than mere words.

So what’s the problem?

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“Every year in March, there is a call for nominations for the STEM awards, said Lt. Col. Robert Krauss, the Academy’s Chief Scientist and Director of Research.

He said the Air Force-level awards are administered by Air Staff and the Air Force Chief Scientist. Packages are then submitted by the Academy’s academic departments to the Academy’s Office of Research.

“We make a recommendation to the Dean of the Faculty and Brig. Gen. Dana Born, then she makes the official nomination to the Air Staff as to who our nominees are for the year,” Krauss said.

Three cadets from engineering mechanics and three cadets from the biology department here are the 2012 recipients of the Cadet Research Award. They were a part of the Center for Aircraft Structural Life Extension interdepartmental, interdisciplinary and corrosion research team and were recognized for their notable achievements furthering the Academy’s research in the areas of science and technology.

“The awards recognize the outstanding annual accomplishments in their particular award categories,” Krauss said.

The 2012 STEM Award Academy winners: Cadet Research Award: Cadet 2nd Class Henry W. Binzer; Cadet 3rd Class Sarah E. Collins; Cadet 1st Class Daniel H. Henning, Benjamin K. Hoff, Timothy Reid and Ryan D. Young. Air Force Outstanding Mid-Career Military Scientist/Engineer of the Year: Capt. John Miller.

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Counselors can help with post-deployment transition

Military family life consultant program serves heroes, families

By Don Branum
Academy Spirit staff writer

If military family life consultants had a motto, it might be: “Have counseling license — will travel.”

Consultants can meet with service members, Defense Department civilians or family members at just about any on- or off-base location, said Jodie Rhone, a school liaison officer at the Airman and Family Readiness Center here.

The consultants also follow strict confidentiality guidelines aside from duty-to-warn situations such as child abuse or spouse abuse, Rhone said.

“That’s the real sell for a lot of people,” he said. “They don’t keep records, and it’s short-term, solution-focused counseling.”

MFLC programs include counseling for adults and children. Children’s counselors can address school adjustment, deployment and separation, post-deployment adjustment, behavioral concerns, grieving for a lost loved one and daily life issues, according to MFLC publications.

The program has been available at the Academy for about five years, Rhone said. At the time, counselors were on 45-day rotations, but that changed to 90-day rotations about a year ago.

“It did provide a little more stability,” he said. “It seemed like six weeks wasn’t long enough for the consultants to get acquainted with their surroundings. We lost them the first week and the last week, they were in transition, so we really only had them for four weeks.”

Each counselor generally schedules between 25 to 30 sessions per week, Rhone said, but not all of those sessions take place at the A&FRC.

“They have an office here, but they’re available to meet at the Burger King or at a Starbucks off base,” he said. Consultants can also provide briefings for commander’s calls, Rhone said.

“They have an entire library of topics and briefings,” he said. “They brief at just about every program we have here: Smooth Move, pre- and post-deployment, transition assistance.”

Briefing topics include anger management for adults and children, communication, compassion fatigue for families caring for adult parents, conflict resolution, deployment and more.

“They’re accessible to helping agencies, commanders, first sergeants,” Rhone said. “They want to stay busy, and it’s good to know that they’re available and here to help.”

Master Sgt. Alan Martin, the first sergeant for the Academy’s command section, said military family life consultants are one of many valuable resources he’s tried to let his Airmen know about.

“I’ve had very positive feedback from those who have chosen to visit an MFLC in my four years as a shirt,” Martin said.

To contact a consultant, call 719-358-1468 or contact the A&FRC at 719-333-3444.
Academy librarian accepted into prestigious leadership program

By Amber Bailie
Academy Spirit staff writer

Academy electronic resources librarian, Janice Young, looks back on her experiences as a high school teacher and resource for the homeless in her hometown of Las Vegas, and can't help but want to serve the Colorado Springs community.

Young wants to pass on her leadership knowledge to the next generation and will get that opportunity through the Leadership Pikes Peak Signature Program this month.

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The upgrade will ensure MilPDS performs at optimum levels to give personnelists, pay representatives and other MilPDS users access the data they need to complete customer transactions, said Anthony Delgado, AFPOA’s MilPDS R12 functional manager.

In the coming months, Air Force officials will release additional information and guidance to the Air Force’s manpower, personnel, services and pay communities and total force Airmen to continue to educate them on how the service will perform critical personnel and pay tasks during the upgrade.

For general information about personnel services and programs, visit the myPers website at http://mypers.af.mil.

Field guidance helps ensure seamless personnel, pay support

By Tech. Sgt. Steve Grever
Air Force Personnel Center

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO - RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) — Because of guidance released July 24, base-level military personnel and finance sections will be better able to seamlessly serve military members’ needs during the December Military Information System (MilPDS) upgrade.

To help prevent problems, AFPC fielded a guidance package that includes detailed information and instructions on processing critical total force personnel and pay transactions during the MilPDS upgrade.

Airman pay actions, maintain Air Force accounting and strength data and support a host of interactions with other Air Force processes and systems that rely on personnel data.

Air Force Personnel Operations Agency officials here are upgrading and transferring MilPDS to the Defense Information Systems Agency’s Enterprise Computing Center in December.

The upgrade project is scheduled to take about 23 days to complete and MilPDS will not be available during the upgrade phase.

As an award recipient, Young will attend quarterly advisory board meetings for the ELD program, be a trustee for the Black Advisory Council and attend the 2012 El Pomar Emerging Leaders Program retreat and reception Nov. 8 at Doolittle Hall.

“It gives me great pride that one of, our own, Janice Young, was selected for this transformational opportunity,” said Academy Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Adis Vila. “While Janice benefits personally, the larger benefits accrue to USAFA as Janice will bring the richness of her fellowship experiences to her work unit and through her volunteer activities at USAFA and in Colorado Springs to our Air Force and Nation.”

The Leadership Pikes Peak Signature Program will include one or two meeting days per month. Classes will be held at multiple locations throughout the community and participants will complete a course project. Each session will address a particular topic and include speakers, interviews, interactive discussions, and field trips.

“How much each participant will participate in various subjects from education day, services day, military day, state legislation day and local government day,” Young said. “I’m looking forward to learning about the community and the different components that makes Southern Colorado so special.”

On Tuesday Young will give a presentation titled, “The military is not just the Military to the Community” as part of the Colorado Springs diversity forum at the East Library in Colorado Springs.

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A window on history of flight

By Don Braun
Academy Spirit staff writer

More than 1,500 special collections constitute the pride of the McDermott Library here, among them a room full of artifacts detailing man’s long history and dreams of flight.

The Gimbel Collection, named for Army Air Corps Col. Richard Gimbel, covers the transition from flight of hot-air balloons, first flown before the Constitution was ratified, to parachutes and powered flight. The collection rests in the McDermott Library’s sixth floor, not far from a marble spiral staircase that’s lined with an assortment of military rifles and muskets dating back to 1765. A visitor’s flight in the front of the special collections area, along with a sign asking visitors to leave backpacks and only bulky containers on a bench at the front.

Inside the room where the Gimbel Collection is housed, humidifiers keep enough water vapor in the otherwise-dry air to preserve the artifacts, which include wax seals that are thousands of years old. Cameras monitor the room to help maintain the area’s tight security. Gimbel, whose family owned the Gimbel’s department store chain, bequeathed the collection to the Air Force Academy upon his death in 1970. The room was built to house the collection as part of the bequest.

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Ruwell, a graduate of Georgetown University, picked up her doctorate in American Studies from the University of Pennsylvania and taught as an archivist for the National Archives and Records Administration, which has its headquarters in Washington. She later worked as an archivist for the Smithsonian Institution as an anthropological archives director, then as director of the Peterson Air Force Base Air and Space Museum.

“After reviewing the candidates for the (chief of special collections) position, it was clearly evident that no one could match her combination of education and experience,” said McDermott Library Director Dr. Ed Scott. “Among her accomplishments are establishing an ongoing materials preservation program, creating an active volunteer worker program, maintaining her active ties in local and national professional organizations and initiating a digital archives program that will make Academy materials available worldwide.”

The Gimbel Collection gets some visitors from around the Academy but has been quiet in recent months, with one notable exception, Ruwell said.

“We didn’t have the faculty come through for faculty orientation, but we had a (Basic Cadet Training) squadron march in, single-file,” she said. “They stayed for three or four minutes, then marched out again.”

The room, along with the Academy’s other collections, exist so that cadets can see history firsthand, Ruwell said.

“Our mission is teaching cadets how to look at and use primary resources,” she said. “It’s a question of showing history rather than just talking about it. Having a collection of things you can touch is invaluable. I think cadets who come up here have a better appreciation of time and change.”

The McDermott Library’s main website is online at http://www.usafa.edu/libdf.htm. Finally, the non-profit Friends of the Air Force Academy Library’s website is http://www.usafa-library.com.}

**Fun By The Numbers**

Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and out your sudoku savvy to the test!

**Here’s How It Works:**

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gains to solve the puzzle!

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Most things in life that separate the strong from the rest aren’t

Basic cadets wrapped up their final week of training in Jacks Valley with assault course and confidence course runs, the Big Bad Basic competition and march back to the Terrazzo on Saturday. Recognition is scheduled for Tuesday at 9 a.m.
Open house at Fire House

Academy fire department welcomes visitors to learn about fire safety, tactics and security

TOP OF PAGE: Fire crews demonstrate vehicle extraction techniques using the jaws of life.

ABOVE: Tech. Sgt Mark Chandler, a military working dog handler with the 10th Security Forces Squadron, and MWD Oli demonstrate how security forces uses military working dogs to make arrests. Senior Airman Xaviyon Mangum, 10th SFS, plays the part of the perpetrator, and wears a training suit to protect him from injuries.

ABOVE RIGHT: Joshua Hammel, 9, tries on a fire suit during the Fire Department Open House Saturday.

RIGHT: Smokey Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog were both on hand to talk to kids about fire safety and what to do in the event of a fire.

PHOTOS BY MIKE KAPLAN
Competitive softball sees close games

The No. 1 seed Cadet Wing won a come-from-behind victory in the competitive softball league this week, defeating the DRU-FSS team, 24-23.

CW, down 23-16 going into the bottom of the seventh, scored eight runs, with Adam Cockrell driving in Roger Stewart for the go-ahead run.

Up to that point, Eric Lescarbeau had the key hit with a two-run double. Stewart led the squad with five base hits, two of them home runs. Scott Koenig led the DRU-FSS team with three home runs on five hits.

The Radiology team defeated DRU-FSS in another close contest, 16-14, holding onto a slim lead going into the seventh inning.

Anthony Williams hit a home run, followed by a single from Tom Ziegler and RBI doubles by Fred Walker and Edgar Ramirez, to give Radiology a 16-12 lead. Rich Bottinelli singled home a run and came home on a sacrifice fly from Ryan Hendrickson, but DRU-FSS couldn’t overcome Radiology’s lead.

Williams led Radiology with four hits, including a double and a home run. DRU-FSS’ Tim Richardson scored four runs on three hits, including a home run and a double.

Hospital No. 2 won its game, which was called due to rain and lightning, 11-0. James Pope hit a triple and a double, driving in five runs.

The Unknowns took the night cap in a close 10-7 contest versus the Pharmacy team.

Tom Ziegler, pitcher for the Radiology team, sizes up a batter during a recent softball matchup against the firefighters. Roy Dalton, the firefighters lead batter leads off second base.
NEW ORLEANS, La. — Paige Blackburn and Kimber Shealy, two recent graduates of the Air Force Academy track and field team, were named to the 2012 U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association’s Division I Women’s All-Academic Team, the league announced July 26.

This is the third such honor for both Shealy and Blackburn, as they became the program’s first athletes to earn USTFCCCA All-Academic distinction three times in a career. Shealy, who graduated with a 3.74 GPA in history, also received the distinction three times in a career.

To qualify for the USTFCCCA All-Academic Track and Field Team, the student-athlete must have compiled a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher and have met either of the following athletic standards: for the indoor season, a student-athlete must have finished the regular season ranked in the national top 96 in an individual event or ranked in the national top 48 (collective listing) in a relay event on the official NCAA POP list provided by TFRKS.org; for the outdoor season, a student-athlete must have participated in any round of the NCAA Division I Championships (including preliminary rounds).

Both Falcons represented the Academy at the NCAA Outdoor Championship’s West Preliminary. Blackburn finished 14th in the javelin throw and 23rd in the discus throw at the national semifinals, while Shealy placed 20th in the pole vault. In addition, the pair was ranked among the national leaders during the indoor season, as Shealy was ranked 26th in the pole vault and Blackburn was listed 41st in the shot put and 49th in the weight throw.

Blackburn and Shealy finished the regular season ranked in the national top 41st in the shot put and 49th in the weight throw.

Blackburn, the 2012 Mountain West champion in the javelin throw, scored for the Falcons in all six throwing events at the indoor and outdoor conference meets, earning all-conference honors in the discus and javelin. A two-time Capital One Academic All-District selection, Blackburn set the Academy’s weight throw record at 62’3” and ended her career ranked second all-time in the indoor shot put (19’10.5”) by the Armed Forces and 3rd all-time in the outdoor pole vault with a winning clearance of 13’1½”.

South Korea’s Jung Jinson, right, competes with the United States’ Seth Kelsey during the bronze-medal match in the men’s epee competition at the Summer Olympics in London on Wednesday. Kelsey lost 12-11.


Kelsey is a logistics officer with the 310th Force Support Squadron at Buckley Air Force Base, Colo.

“I’ve always been disappointed in my previous Olympic performances,” said Kelsey about his fourth place result. “But today I beat three great guys. I had one of the best performances for U.S. men’s epee in a long time. I felt like I put in a ton of hard work and won some tough bouts. I would have loved to have brought home a medal, but I felt like I gave myself the best possible shot I was going to have.”

Kelsey added about his two overtime bouts in the medals rounds, “You’ve gotta take your chances. You win some, you lose some.”

He said that when the bronze medal bout went into sudden death overtime, “I asked the guy if he wanted to go one touch and he said yes. He had got that tough earlier and I thought I was far enough away, but I wasn’t.”

Kelsey said about the next summer Olympics in Rio, “My plans right now are to stay, go for Rio, try and qualify for the team and then go for a medal in individual and take a team medal as well.”

As for the Kelsey family, he said, “They were cheering their heads off. I couldn’t have asked for a more exuberant excited family to be here. They were super loud and super excited for me and I’m proud to do so well for them.”
Roadkill salvage list

The 10th Security Forces Squadron maintains a list of people interested in salvaging deer and elk killed after being struck by vehicles on the Academy. Many are salvageable for consumption or for their hide.

The 10th SFS is currently soliciting up to 30 names to generate a new list with up-to-date contact information. An in-person (no phone calls) sign-up will be held at 7 a.m. Aug. 6 at the Academy's Natural Resources office, Bldg. 9030, just south of the FamCamp. Only the first 30 applicants will be placed on the list and only one application will be accepted per household.

For more information contact Bri- an Mihlbachler or Greg Speights at 333-3308.

Yellow Ribbon Event

The Colorado Yellow Ribbon Event will be held Aug. 11 from 8-10:10 a.m. at the Colorado Veteran's Monument to welcome home troops and honor those still serving.

A parade will follow at 10:00 a.m. at Civic Center Park.

The event is a grassroots effort promoted by Colorado residents in order to support our state Veterans and service members.

For more information visit www.coloradoyellowribbon.org.

Pharmacy hours

The Academy Community Center Pharmacy will no longer be open on Saturdays, beginning Aug. 26.

The last Saturday the pharmacy will provide services will be on Aug. 25.

The pharmacy will continue with its regular hours Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Child support services

The El Paso County Child Support Services will now be at the Academy the last Thursday of every month from 1-3 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

They will establish, modify and assist child support orders, establish paternity, assist with visitation issues, provide a connection to other community resources and assist family member s of active duty members stationed at another base.

There is a one-time $20 fee. To make an appointment call 719-457-6331.

Horsemanship classes

The Academy Equestrian Center offers horsemanship classes, which include a one-hour trail-riding lesson plus instruction in grooming, saddling and etiquette, for $30 per lesson.

For information, contact the Equestrian Center at 333-4607.

Summer bowling leagues

The Academy Lanes Bowling Center’s summer bowling leagues are now in session.

Available leagues include a parent and youth league Tuesdays at 7 p.m. for $14 per team, three-person youth league Thursdays at 10 a.m. for $7 per person and four-person adult mixed leagues Thursdays at 7 p.m. for $10 per person.

Children may receive free bowling lessons during youth league play on Thursdays.

For more information, call Academy Lanes at 333-4709.

Sergeants Association Meeting

The Air Force Sergeants Association Falcon Chapter 1180 meets every third Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in the Casual Lounge at the Falcon Club.

Pottery studio available

The Arts and Crafts center offers a pottery studio available for use when a class is not in session.

The studio includes nine pottery wheels, glazes and five kilns. Clay is available for purchase.

For more information call 333-4579.
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