Faculty & Staff Convocation

September 1, 2023
RADM Fred Kacher, USN
Acting Superintendent
Col J.P. McDonough, USMC
89th Commandant of Midshipmen
Prof. Samara Firebaugh
Provost
The Challenge

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”

–Nelson Mandela
Provost Priorities for AY24

- Rowing Together
- Relationship-Rich Education
- Faculty and Staff Development
- Cultivating Capstone Day
Rowing Together

- The Mission is a Team Effort
- Communication within/without
- Collegiality
- Shared governance
- Stewardship of midshipmen time

To develop midshipmen morally, mentally, and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor and loyalty in order to graduate leaders who are dedicated to a career of naval service and have potential for future development of mind and character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship, and government
Relationship-Rich Education
Faculty & Staff Development

- Opportunities to better understand USNA and today’s Navy and Marine Corps

- Opportunities to develop as:
  - Teachers
  - Scholars
  - Leaders
Cultivating Capstone Day (May 1, 2024)
Long-Term Provost Priorities

- Connecting, communicating, and “rightsizing” the Core Curriculum
- Increasing midshipman regional and cross-cultural awareness, and foreign language skills
- Preparing our students for the future battlespace by expanding data science, machine learning, AI, robotics and cybersecurity curriculum and scholarship
- Expanding our use of wargaming as a pedagogical tool
- Becoming a center of excellence for naval installation resilience to climate change and severe weather events
Other Topics of Interest

- Other Provost Office Changes (APFMA, APAA)
- Academic Freedom
- MSCHE Self-Study
- Generative AI
- ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) Transition
- Safety
- MIDS Transition Update
- OOM Change (starting in AY26)
- New Provost Suggestion Box
“Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life.”

–Amy Poehler

See you at 1600 in Dahlgren!
(seaward entrance)