

## **Welcome Letter**



Welcome to the 2020 General Donald R. Keith Memorial Capstone Conference and welcome to West Point! If this is your first visit to West Point, I hope that you have allowed for some time in your schedule to enjoy the historic local area and the beautiful grounds that make up the United States Military Academy (USMA).

Established in 1802, the Academy's mission is "to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army." Here at West Point, over 4,000 men and women simultaneously pursue an undergraduate education and a commission in the United States Army; this takes place during a four-year process known as the "West Point Experience"! All graduates receive a Bachelor of Science degree "designed specifically to meet the intellectual requirements of a commissioned officer in today's Army."

A special thank you to General Keith's family for the generous endowment that allows our Department to run this exciting event every year and to the staff and faculty in the Department of Systems Engineering who have had a hand in the planning and execution of this conference. Lastly, if we can assist you in any way, please make a point to stop by the registration table that is set up in Jefferson Hall especially for your support.

West Point is truly a distinctive surrounding with a unique atmosphere. I hope that you enjoy your time here while attending the 2020 General Donald R. Keith Memorial Capstone Conference!

Sincerely,

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